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First lady Laura Bush applauds as Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council, back to camera, hugs Janet Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas, on Wednesday during President Bush's State of the Union address in Washington. Norwood's semantic state was killed 11 years ago by Saddam Hussein's regime.



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World

Pope's illness: The Turkish man who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981 released a cryptic statement Thursday wishing the hospitalized pontiff a speedy recovery and urging him to tell the world that its end was near.

Mehmet Ali Agca was extradited to Turkey in 2000 after serving almost 20 years in Italy for the May 13, 1981, shooting of the pope in St. Peter's Square. Agea fired two shots, one of which hit the pope in the abdomen as he rode through the square in an

Communist symbols ban: A group of conservative European Union lawmakers from eastern Europe called Thursday for a ban on communist symbols, including the red star and the hammer and sickle, to match a proposed EU ban on the Nazi swastika.

The group from Estonia, Lithuania, Slova kia, Hungary and the Czech Republic said the communist symbols should be included in any ban because of the suffering caused by Soviet-backed regimes in Europe

Philippines kidnapping: A Muslim extremist has been arrested for the alleged abduction of 20 people in the Philippines, including three Americans, and for suspected involvement in an attack that killed more than 50 Filipinos, officials said Thursday.

Aminul Jimlani, a suspected member of the extremist Abu Sayyaf group, was arrest-Tuesday after days of surveillance by Philippine intelligence agents, said Police Superintendent Felixberto Candado

U.N. oil-for-food report: Former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker says his investigation of corruption in the oil-for-food program in Iraq found that pro-gram director Benon Sevan engaged in "an irreconcilable conflict of interest" by choosing the companies that bought Saddam Hussein's oil

Volcker's first report, as outlined by an official close to the investigation and by Volcker himself in an op-ed article in Thursday's Wall Street Journal, found the \$60 billion program "tainted" from top to bottom.

States

Rudolph bombing case: Pieces of the bomb that killed a police officer outside an Alabama abortion clinic matched a detonator described in an explosives book ordered by bombing suspect Eric Rudolph, prosecutors



Live fire training: Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Jones of Misawa Naval Air Station, Japan, goes over the proper procedures for operating an M-16 with Rear Adm. Kenneth W. Deutsch, Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Seventh/Fifth Fleet. Deutsch was at the gun range to participate in a live fire exercise.

The government also says a handwriting expert matched Rudolph's handwriting to cryp-tic notes jotted in his Bible, which included "eye for eye" and "Christian Solthe words diers requirement.

yor's re-election upheld: A state judge upheld the re-election of San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy, rejecting arguments that election officials improperly excluded thousands of write-in ballots for his closest challenger.

Superior Court Judge Michael Brenner heard arguments by supporters of Donna Frye, a city councilwoman, that the San Diego County registrar of voters should have counted 5,551 ballots, which could have tipped the election. Murphy won by 2,108 votes

ing investigation: A crab boat that sank in the Bering Sea last month was carrying too much weight and the captain had a history of overloading the vessel, according to Coast Guard investigators in Anchorage, Alas-

Five men on board the Big Valley died Jan. 15, the opening day of the opilio crab season, when the vessel sank 70 miles west of St. Paul Island, one of the Pribilof Islands

Blake trial testimony: When Robert Blake's wife was slain, detectives searching her living quarters found foot lockers crammed with letters from "customers" of her mail-order sex scam but decided not to investigate most of them, the lead detective on the case testified.

Ronald Ito testified in Los Angeles Wednesday that he decided to leave behind most of the letters, which were later discovered by Blake's first attorney, Harland Braun, who publicly revealed them and delivered them to police. Braun contended any of the men bilked by Bonny Lee Bakley could be suspects in her murder.

Church abuse trial: The defense for a defrocked priest accused of child rape amounted to a sole witness: a psychologist who discussed how some repressed memories are really false ones.

Dr. Elizabeth Loftus, a psychologist from the University of California at Irvine, testified that her research shows implanted ideas or suggestions can end up being believed as real by people

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Death benefit plan draws praise in Pacific

But many say gratuity hike should apply to all killed, in combat zone or not

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Strines

The Department of Defense proposal to boost death benefits for servicemembers is long overdue, many Pacific troops and their families said Thursday.

Adjustments would raise the current Servicemembers Group Life Insurance ceiling from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and bump the death gratuity from \$12,420 to \$100.000 — all nontaxable sums. The new plan, patterned after legislation already introduced in the Senate, will be included in President Bush's 2006 budget proposal, to be submitted to Congress nevt week

While the Pacific military community gave the gesture a hearty reception, most argued that the maximum payouts should go to families of all who die in military service, not just in war zones

Some soldiers in South Korea indicated they felt the proposal was a bit tardy, given the millions of dollars awarded families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror-

"I understand for their loss," said Pfc. Marie Gilliam, 29, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who was in New York City that day. "But it's sort of like, they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. We're

Spc. Steve Wright, 23, of Cocoa Beach, Fla., has a brother who left last week for his second tour in Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga

"He's got three kids and the oldest is 11," said Wright, a computer programmer with the 1st

Signal Brigade at Yongsan Garrison. "\$250,000 it's not enough to put them all through college."

Critics of the new measure might kill the idea by pointing to its hefty price tag, the soldiers conceded. but they say that's a weak argument, especially given

the massive spending under way in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sasha Holloway, a Yokota de pendent and former airman, said she believes the new package shouldn't differentiate. shouldn't be divided," said Holloway, whose husband, Jerel, a staff sergeant with the 374th Communications Squadron, was in Iraq when the war began. "Even if you're not at war, and just went TDY somewhere, it'd be the same thing. ... It's our job, no matter where you're at.

The DOD plan would create an automatic \$150,000 life insurance payment for all troops in combat zones. That coverage and the

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U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa

Seth Burlinson

death gratuity would be retroactive to Oct. 7 2001 to include all troops killed in the global war on terrorism.

"The increase is a good idea, said Sgt. Erwin Reyna of Iwakuni Marine Corns Air Station Japan "A1though no amount of

money is enough to replace the life of a loved one, the extra money would

heln families get back on their feet. They've still got house payments, car payments and other responsibilities

That benefit should be distributed equally across the board, he added: "Whether a Marine died in training or in the fight, he still gave his life for his country. That said, people who make foolish choices, like drinking and driving, shouldn't benefit from the in-

On Okinawa, Petty Officer 2nd Class Seth Burlinson, with the U.S. Naval Hospital's Staff Educa-

tion and Training section, said he always thought the SGLI's \$250,000 policy was "enough to take care of immediate needs but not enough for the families' future." The new payment "adds a sense of security ... the depen-dents can use the additional money to invest and plan for down the road. It shows the senior leadership is concerned about the dependents of those killed and they're taking the stens to look after them

The proposed \$100,000 death gratuity, he added, should be paid to families of all servicemembers: "Whether you're killed by a bullet, a motorcycle or a car, it still leaves dependents out in the cold who are trying to support a fami-

Vicki L. Strause, an Okinawa spouse and Navy reservist. agreed. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Eric Strause, has seen combat as a Marine infantryman.

Wherever servicemembers are stationed, she said, they work constantly to back others in harm's way. "I've heard," Strause said, "it takes seven Marines to sunport one infantry Marine on the front line If a Marine loading supplies bound for Iraq were to be injured while doing their job. those on the front lines? ... The infantrymen could not do their ioh if it weren't for all the others doing theirs

About 250 airmen from Yokota Air Base, Japan, left for various Southwest Asian locations last month to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Personnel and spouses at Yokota say the timing is right to enhance benefits but some said they were uncertain whether the added death payment should be offered outside the combat zone.

"It's well-deserved." said Staff Set. Jared Miller, 730th Air Mobility Squadron. "We're losing more people all at once than in any of our recent previous battles. It was past due for a re-evaluation.

"But it should be for those in combat areas only. I can understand the distinction between being here or the U.S. and being in Iraq. For someone who dies in a car wreck in Iraq, it should be the same benefit, because it's spurred by a combat situation. It shouldn't be the same for car wrecks here or in the United States. The combat aspect is definitely worth recognizing.

Teri Weaver, Greg Tyler and Fred Zim-merman contributed to this report.

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Widows testify to shortfalls in casualty assistance

BY LEO SHANE III Stare and Strings

WASHINGTON - Too often casualty assistance officers don't have the financial and technical information families panel of military widows told Congress on Thursday.

"My assistance officer did the absolute best he could to help me, but he was not educated in the things that came after the funeral; things like insurance, Social Security, benefits available for my children, said Tiffany Petty, whose husband, Jerrick, was killed in a December 2003 firefight outside of Mosul

"The soldiers who were with my husband in Iraq were the ones who got me a military ID card," Petty said. She said those soldiers also "were there

when I needed someone to talk to when I needed to hear things about his service." Petty and other widows were on hand to

testify before the Senate Veterans Affairs committee about shortcomings in military death benefits and ways to ease the bureaucratic hurdles families face after a

Correction

A headline in Friday's edition incorrectly identified the location of a postal incident. A leaking package, which turned out to be harmless, was discovered at Camp Zama, Japan.

Members of the National Military Families Association and the Gold Star Wives of America complained about inconsistencies with medical coverage, confusing deadlines to switch insurance policies and a lack of resources for survivors to an swer their questions.

Jennifer McCollum, whose husband, Dan, was killed in a plane crash in Pakistan in January 2002, told senators her medical cov-

Families of

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been disrupted twice over the last three years and she was never informed about financial and legal support services

erage has

for access to loved ones e-mails Page 6 available to

At one point, she moved from Florida to California to be closer to an available military treatment facility, only to find out a few months later she could no longer use those medical services.

"I am discovering that casualty assistance is increasingly failing miserably and disgracefully," she said. "Successful assistance is not the rule; it is quite the exception.

Committee members said they are focused on not only improving the compen-



Military widows, from left, Tiffany Petty, Jennifer McCollum and Bonnie Carroll testify before the Senate Veterans Affairs committee Thursday about problems they faced receiving military death benefits. They said major changes are needed in the ways families get information on military death benefits.

sation side of military death benefits several voiced support for increases in the death gratuity proposed by the Pentagon earlier in the week - but also on ensuring families' emotional needs are addressed as well

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he would like to see those casualty assistance responsibilities referred in part to civilian counselors, who could provide more consistency than the ever-moving active duty personnel usually assigned to the job.

Widows at the hearing also voiced support for supplying more comprehensive information on college tuition, tax issues and family counseling services.

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Rear Adm. Frederic R. Ruehe, U.S. Naval Forces Japan commander, right, pins a Navy Superior Civilian Service Award medal to the uniform of Sasebo Fire Chief Richard S. Rhode on Wednesday afternoon. Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Clark looks on during the presentation in the administrative building of the fire department at Saseho Naval Rase

Sasebo fire chief honored by Navy

Rhode receives prestigious civilian award

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan Richard S. Rhode, known to many here simply as "chief," as in fire chief, received a commendation from the Navy at a ceremo-ny Wednesday in which a special medal was pinned to his uniform by Rear Adm. Frederic R. Ruehe, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Japan and the fire chief's de facto

Adm. Walter F. Doran, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander selected Rhode for the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, a prestigious honor

Doran could not be at Wednesday afternoon's ceremony in the administration offices of

the CNFJ Regional Fire Department, Sasebo Division. But the event was attended by base commander Capt. Michael James, Sasebo's Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Bernard Wang, firefighters from the department and other well-wishers.

"I had heard something vague

about maybe being nominated for this but that was more than a year ago; I never really gave it another thought," Rhode said after Ruehe made it official with a hearty handshake

"So I really feel good about this It's the greatest honor for me to receive in all my career as a civil-

ian," he said. Rhode, 55, admitted being slightly uneasy Wednesday. "I'm always happy when I'm seeing others receive recognition like this, especially when I've helped make the award possible. ... But I'm a little uncomfortable finally being the one standing here today," said the fire chief, who leaves Sasebo for a similar position at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in

A former U.S. Marine and soldier, Rhode, wife Cheryl and their three children have lived in Sasebo for more than five years.

In Doran's narrative explaining Rhode's selection for the award, he highlighted several accom-plishments by Sasebo's CNFJ Regional Fire Department on Rhode's watch, including:

■ Sasebo's completion of the Navy's pilot Weapons of Mass De-

struction program conducted by the Soldier, Bio-44 It's the areatest logical and Chemical Command.

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Richard S. Rhode located base fire Saseho Naval Rase fire chief stations

CNFJ Regional Fire Department earning recognition as Navy Fire Department of the Year for 2003.

new strategically

Rhode also was commended for some personal achievements on the job

■ He implemented the Interna tional and Department of Defense Firefighter Certification

■ He coordinated U.S. efforts to fight a massive fire in northern Japan that began following a powerful earthquake.

"Mr. Rhode's actions reflected great credit upon himself and the U.S. Navy and have directly enhanced the relationship with the Japanese government," Doran stated in the commendation narra-

Rhode had not prepared a speech to follow Ruehe's presentation of the medal but told the gathering, "It is the absolute truth that this event today would not be happening were it not for the performance of everyone in this

room right now.' E-mail Greg Tyler at: tylerg@pstripes.osd.mil

Burst pipes, broken duct turn school into a sauna

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Strings

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Third-grade teacher Eric Lee knew something was wrong when Cummings Elementary School from the outside, looked like a Japanese bathhouse

Strolling up to the main en-trance at 5:40 a.m. Tuesday, Lee, the first staff member to report to school, noticed through the foyer door some glass was "all fogged over, like an onsen." Indeed, conditions inside were

almost perfect for a warm bath. Lee found standing water about an inch deep "from the elevator to the library, halfway to the cafeteria, all the way down the hall. I opened the door to the teacher's work room and steam came pouring out. It was like a sauna. You could not see across the room, there was so much steam in there." Cummings now is drying out

after heating coils burst earlier this week and spewed hot water from the music room to the library, closing the school for a day. Base civil engineering officials said they believe the copper pipes froze last weekend, then cracked open upon thawing. The first pipe leaked Monday morning in first-grade teacher Lisa Marie Hannon's classroom, starting with a drip and then a flood of hot water and steam from the ceil-

ing vents. Soon after, another pipe broke and doused a corner of the library. Then three other first- and sec-

ond-grade classrooms were hit. That wasn't all: Overnight Monday, a heating duct cracked in the teacher/parent work room, spray ing water into the hall and the ad jacent computer room and creating the swamp Lee found Tuesday morning. Other waterlogged rooms included the literacy lounge and music room.

The whole ground floor of the school was affected," said assis tant principal Claudia Holtzclaw

Maj. Monte Harner, operations flight commander, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, said waterfilled copper coils in eight ceiling heating units broke.

Officials have no damage esti-

mate yet, but Harner expects it won't be much.

"We're going to have to replace the broken coils, there's a little bit of water staining; but the carpet, once it dries out, appears fine,

Holtzclaw said quick-acting staff members and parents willing to lend a hand kept damage to a minimum. Nobody was injured and no students got wet.

"A few books and papers were damaged, but virtually nothing else, because things got moved out and dried off in time," she said Teachers and other staff members helped move furniture, retrieved buckets to place under leaks and helped students settle into new areas

School was closed Tuesday and the computer room, a first-grade classroom and the teacher/parent work room remain off-limits. Fans and dehumidifiers run constantly to dry out drenched car-



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Saturday, February 5, 2005

Cummings Elementary School sixth-grader Robby Blount and teacher Brenda Fine examine a hole in the ceiling of a first-grade classroom where heating coils burst and sprayed hot water early Monday morning.

pets. Some ceilings with large holes where pipes burst will have to be repatched. School officials salvaged the grand piano from a very wet music room, and all the computers appear to be working, said Brenda Fine, Cummings community relations liaison.

"I have to hand it to the military guys," Lee said. "We would not have been able to have school the next day if they weren't in here running interference and helping us get things cleaned up.' Harner said the fire department and maintenance workers from civil engineer's Ninia Zone. with help from CE's heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration shop, all helped with the cleanun

To prevent more heating coils from breaking, teachers have been advised not to turn on the supplemental heating systems, Harner said.

"They still have heat," he said; they just can't further adjust the temperature in individual rooms. E-mail Jennifer H. Svan at svanj@pstripes.osd.mil



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Rumsfeld stands firm on disputed number of capable Iraqi forces

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Iraq's recent elections won't stop the vio-lence in that country, but they may prompt ordinary Iraqis to be more forthcoming with information about the insurgents. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said

"I doubt one can say that that election will change" the minds of individuals determined to oppose the new Iraqi government and the coalition, Rumsfeld told Pentagon reporters Thursday. "I expect that level of violence and the insurgen-

cy to continue."

However, "I think [the elec-tion's success] means intelligence will improve, more people will be willing to provide information that leads to the capture or death of insurgents, he said.

Rumsfeld maintained that Iraq now has 136,000 security forces "trained and equipped at the appropriate level," even though the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Richard Meyers, told Congress on Thursday that only 40.000 of those troops are fully

combat-capable Rumsfeld said that he has validated the 136,000 figure, despite assertions by some members of Congress that the number of fully trained forces is considerably smaller.

"I spent an hour this morning with [101st Airborne Division commander Lt. Gen. David] Patraeus, going over every one of these num-bers, and with Gen. [George] Casey," the top U.S. military com-

mander in Iraq, Rumsfeld said.
Patraeus has been tasked with overseeing U.S. military efforts to

train and equip the Iraqi forces. Rumsfeld touted what he said ne dramatic growth in the Iraqi defense forces, "when we first started with zero" after the war in 2002

In fact, the training program in Iraq is so robust that "we are heading toward 200,000 [Iraqi Security Forces] in October this year, when the constitution is voted on. Rumsfeld said.

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But he would not quantify when Iraqi Security Forces will be large enough, or capable enough, for U.S. forces to begin coming home from Irag.

"It depends on the conditions on the ground." he said. "There's no simple, neat answer to your question, because there are variables. As the numbers of Iraqi Security forces increase, obviously there will be less need for coalition forc-

Rumsfeld said he was not aware of comments made Thursday morning by Meyers, who told a Senate Armed Services Committee that U.S. military leaders have said of among the 136,000 Iraqi forces, "about 40,000 can go anywhere in the country and take on any threat

Not all of the Iraqi forces need to be "deployable," Rumsfeld said, citing a local policeman "walking the heat

"A policeman is local," Rumsfeld said. "He doesn't need the mobility" that a military unit might re-

There are "about 56,000 Iraqis military forces, and another 80,000 in police forces," according to Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who appeared with Rumsfeld during the Thursday news

Rumsfeld bristled at a reporter's suggestion that his insistence on adhering to the 136,000 tally is "misleading as to the capability of those forces.

"A number does not give you capability, it gives you numbers. Capability and capacity to do something are something else, " Rumsfeld retorted. "It is flat wrong to say anyone is misleading "No one should expect Iraqi se-

curity forces are going to come out of some training pipeline and in-stantly become battle-hardened veterans," Rumsfeld said.

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Lt. gen. scolded for remark, but praised for leadership

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stare and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Marine Corps Commandant chastised but also defended one of his top commanders after video sur-faced on NBC of the three-star general publicly saying "it's fun to shoot some people.

"Actually, it's a lot of fun to fight. You know, it's a hell of a hoot. I like brawling," Lt. Gen. James Mattis told a gathering in San Diego during a panel discussion at the Convention Center there Wednesday.

Mattis, a veteran of operations in Afghanistan, more recently led usands of Marines into combat in Iraq as the commander of 1st Marine Division.

He's currently the head of the corps' Combat Development Command at Quantico Va

"You go into Afghanistan, you got guys who slap women around for five years because they didn't wear a veil," Mattis continued, according to the Web site of NBC's local affiliate in San Diego. "You know, guys like that ain't got no manhood left anyway. So it's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them.

Marine Commandant Gen. Mike Hagee responded Thursday, saying he wished Mattis had heen more careful with his com-"I have counseled him concern-

ing his remarks and he agrees he should have chosen his words more carefully," reads Hagee's

At the same time, however, agee defended his general. While I understand that some



take issue with the comments made him, I by him, I also know he intended to reflect the unfortunate and harsh re alities war. Lt. Gen. Mattis often

people may

speaks with a great deal

of candor," wrote Hagee "Throughout our history Marines have given their lives in the defense of this nation and human rights around the globe," continued Hagee, "When necessary, this commitment helps to provide us the fortitude to take the lives of those who oppress others or threaten this nation's security. This is not something we relish. yet we accept it as a reality in our profession of arms.

Hagee gave no indication that Mattis would suffer any punish-

"Lt. Gen. Mattis is a superb leader and one of the Corns' most courageous and experienced warriors. I remain confident that he will continue to serve this nation with dedication and distinction."

Mattis was attending a panel discussion on lessons from Afghanistan and Iraq sponsored by the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association, according to Capt. Jeff Landis, a Quantico spokesman

In a news conference Thurs-Marine Gen. Peter vice chairman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said "all of us who are leaders have responsibility in our words all of the time." But he defended Mattis as a leader, saying he has shown great valor on the battlefield and great compassion to noncombatants.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld declined to respond to the comments, saying he had not read or heard them

Fellow Marines have rushed to Mattis' defense.

"I think what he was really say ing is 'I don't lose sleep over killing these guys. These are bad peo-ple." said retired Marine Col. Bob Work, who has served as an adviser to the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Commandant.

"Frankly, there are some peo ple who deserve to die. The president has even said sometimes the only solution is to kill or capture someone. Gen. Mattis has proven himself to be the epitome of the Marine warrior, and he knows that when you're in a war, sometimes you've got to kill."

Stripes reporter Leo Shane III contributed to this report.

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Bush taps 3 Marine generals for promotion

By VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

Three Marine Corps brigadier generals as signed to various commands across the Pacific have been tapped for promotion by President Bush, according to a Defense Department news re-

The nominations of Timothy R. Larsen, Duane D. Thiessen and George J. Trautman III for appointment to major general were announced Tues day by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Each is subject to Senate confirmation. Larsen, U.S. Forces Japan deputy commander, arrived at Yoko-

ta Air Base in September 2003. He had been commander of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Oki-



His biography states he was commissioned through the Platoon Leaders Course in 1973 after graduating from Brigham Young University. He also holds a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina University and master's in national security and strategic studies

from the Naval War College The Denver native's awards include the Legion of Merit Bronze Star Medal Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy

and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Thiessen, who became 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commander on Okinawa in June, was commis sioned in May 1974 upon graduation from Pitts-

burg (Kan.) State University. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with gold star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star and Navy Commendation Medal



Thiessen

The theater's third major general selection. Trautman. is deputy commander of all Marine forces in the Pacific and also heads the leadership hierarchy at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Trautman, who graduated from Penn State University in 1974 with a biology degree, later earned a master's in systems management from the

University of Southern California, a master's in international relations from Salve Regina University and a master's in national security and strategic es from the Naval War College. After completing The Basic School, he entered flight training and was designated a naval

aviator in April 1976 According to his biography,

he also graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and has served as a Federal Executive Fellow at the Brookings Institution through the commandant's sponsorship.

Trautman's individual honors include the Defense Supe-

rior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with gold star, Defense Meri-

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After death, a struggle for digital memories

Parents contend Internet files belong to GIs' estate

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA The Washington Post

Stationed in a remote corner of Iraq, Marine Corps reservist Karl Linn's only means of communicating with the outside world was through a computer. Several times a week, the 20-year-old combat engineer would log on and send out a batch of e-mails and update a Web site with pic-

tures of his adventures For his parents in Midlothian. Va., the electronic updates were so precious that when he was killed Jan. 26 in an enemy ambush one of the first things they did was to contact the company that hosted their son's account. They wanted to know how to access the data and preserve it But who owns the material is a

source of intense debate Linn's father, Richard, said he believes the information belongs to his son's estate, just like his old high school papers, his sweaters and his soccer ball, and should be transferred to the next of kin. The e-mail and Web hosting company, Mailbank.com Inc., said that

while it empathizes with the fami-

ly's situation, its first priority is to protect the privacy of its customers. It refuses to divulge any information about the accounts

As computers continue to permeate our lives, what happens to digital bits of information when their owners pass away has become one of the vexing questions of the Internet age. Much of that data are stored in accounts on remote servers and have no physical manifestation that can be neatly transferred. There are no clear laws of inheritance, meaning that Internet providers often decide

for themselves what is right. Many Internet firms have found themselves facing criticism no matter what they do. If they decline to release the information. they are labeled villains by peo ple supporting the families. If they give it up, they are chastised for violating their own privacy statements.

"The difficulty is that there's no clear morally right or wrong," said Michael Froomkin, a professor of Internet law at the Universi-

Official policy varies from company to company. Many of the larg-



Marine Lance Cpl. Karl Linn, of Virginia, poses with a Kalashnikov rifle at his base in Iraq's Anbar Province in this photo originally posted on his Web site. Linn was killed in a Jan. 26 ambush on a convoy in Iraq. Linn's parents are seeking access to his Web site to save his files.

er e-mail and Web site providers, such as America Online, MSN Hotmail, Google's Gmail and Earth-Link allow for the transfer of accounts upon death with proper documentation, but others do not. Yahoo, for instance, over the past few weeks has found itself under fire for refusing to allow a Michigan father, John Ellsworth, whose son died in Iraq in November, to access his son's e-mail.

Mary Osako, a spokeswoman for Yahoo Inc. in Sunnyvale, Calif., which manages about 40 million accounts, said that "our hearts go out to the Ellsworths and any family that suffers from a tremendous loss such as this." But, she added, "the commitment we've made to every person who signs up for a Yahoo Mail account is to treat their e-mail as a private communication and to treat the content of their messages as confidential." E-mail accounts can hold an array of personal material, from banking and e-commerce records to notes passed among friends and family, providing a unique window into someone's life. Online journals, known as blogs, and personal Web sites also often offer intimate portraits of their authors, and not all of the material is neces-

sarily viewable to the public. For some family members of military officers killed in Iraq, re-trieving these digital relics has become an important part of mourn-

ing their loved ones.
Take Karl Linn's Web page. Linn was always the tinkerer, and his site, www.karl.linn.net, re-

In a text message on the main page, he apologized for the "im-provised" look. "Below you will find what I have to share in the way of news from the front or whatever's on my mind."

Mostly, he used the page to post pictures. One showed the view down the Euphrates River from 10 stories up on the Haditha Dam where his unit was stationed.

"I think computer accounts are part of personal effects and I have power of attorney. It wasn't like he didn't trust me to take care of his affairs and I know what I should or shouldn't be reading," his father Richard Linn said

Staff researchers Julie Tate and Richard S. Drezen contributed to this report.

Allawi behind in early returns; attacks kill 2 Marines, 28 others

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials Thursday released the first figures from weekend national elections, showing a commanding lead by candidates backed by the Shiite Muslim clergy. Rebels unleashed a wave of attacks, killing about 30 people, including two U.S. Marines and a dozen Iraqi army recruits.

Partial returns released by the election commission four days after the balloting showed the United Iraqi Alliance, backed by Iranian-born Grand Avatollah Ali al-Sistani, leading with 1.1 million votes

The ticket headed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a U.S.-backed secular Shiite trailed second with more than 360.500 votes

Only 1.6 million votes have been counted and certified from 10 percent of the country's 5,200 polling centers, the commission said, and the numbers were too small to indicate a nationwide trend

Insurgents had eased up on attacks following the elections. when American and Iraqi forces imposed sweeping security mea sures. But starting Wednesday night, guerrillas launched a string of dramatic attacks.

In the deadliest incident, insurgents stopped a minibus south of Kirkuk, ordered army recruits off the vehicle and gunned down 12 of them, said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammed Amin. Both Marines were killed in action Wednesday

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GI to get posthumous Medal of Honor

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - A soldier credited with saving dozens of lives by beating back an Iraqi attack before he was killed will receive the first Medal of Honor of the Iraq war, according to the officer who nominated him.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, 33, of the Tampa Bay area, was killed in action when his outnumbered unit was attacked by Iraqi forces at the Baghdad airport on

April 4, 2003. Lt. Col. Thomas Smith on Tuesday notified the soldier's wife, Birgit, that President Bush would present the nation's highest military award to her and their children, Jessica, 18, and David, 10, at a White House ceremony, possibly in March

44 People know that to get a Medal of Honor, you have to be a special person or do something really great. 77

Birgit Smith

No official announcement had been made by the Pentagon as of Wednesday.

"This is a guy whose whole life experience seemed building toward putting him in the position where he could something like this," said Thomas Smith, who is not related to the fallen soldier.

"He was demanding on his soldiers all the time and was a stickler for all the things we try to enforce. It's just an amazing story.

Paul Smith, with Bravo Company of the 11th Engineer Battalion from Fort Stewart, Ga., was helping build a holding pen he climbed aboard an armored personnel carrier and manned its .50-caliber ma-

Smith fired more than 300 rounds and

automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades

He was the only American who died in

"People know what he's done," Smith's

wife said "People know that to get a Medal of Honor, you have to be a special person or

do something really great

Since the Civil War, 3,439 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor, awarded for bravery "above and beyond the call of duty

It was last presented to two soldiers killed in Somalia during action described in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down "

Report: Tapes show riot squads subduing Gitmo terror suspects

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BY PAISLEY DODDS The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Videotapes of riot squads subduing troublesome terror suspects at the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay show the guards punching some detainees, tying one to a gurney for questioning and forcing a dozen to strip from the waist

down, according to a secret report One squad was all-female, traumatizing some Mus-

lim prisoners. Investigators from U.S. South ern Command in Miami. which oversees the camp in Cuba, wrote the report that was obtained by The Associated Press after spending a little more than a week in June reviewing 20 hours of video tapes involving "Immediate Reaction Forces.

The camp's lay out prevented videntaning in all the cells where the five-person teams operated, the report said. Reviewers said they did not look at all of

the available videotapes. Although the report cited several cases of physical force, reviewers said they found no evidence of systemic detainee abuse, according to the six-page summary dated June 19, 2004. An official familiar with the report authenticat-

of anonymity. The tapes raised questions about mistreatment and misconduct, however, said the investigators, who suggested some clips needed more scrutiny to rule out abuse. The military has cited 10 substantiated cases of abuse at Guantanamo, and announced

ed it, speaking to AP on condition

Tuesday an extension would be granted for an investigation to interview of witnesses in the United States and ahmad

One such clin the investigators flagged was from Feb. 17, 2004. It showed "one or more" team

members punching a detainee "on an area of his body that seemingly would be inconsistent with striking a pressure point," which is a sanctioned tac

tic for subduing prisoners.

In five other clips showing detainees who appeared to have been punched by team members. the investigators said: "The punching was in line with accepted law enforcement practice of striking the pressure point on the back of the thigh to temporarily distract the detainee '

Investigators also noted about a dozen cases in which detainees stripped were from the waist down and taken to

"Romeo the block," of the camp. No female guards were involved, they said.

Romeo block is a camp section where prisoners were often left naked for days, according to two former detainees, Britons Shafiq Rasul and Asif Iqbal, who were released last year.

Although no female guards were videotaped in any of the stripping cases, investigators cautioned the U.S. government about using the all-female team to handle disruptive detainees, citing religious and cultural issues. Many of the prisoners are Muslim men and under strict interpretations of Islam view contact with other women other than their wives as



for a growing number of prisoners when chine gun to cover for fellow troops.

the ceramic breast plate in his flak jacket

U.S. Army Sgt. Javal S. Davis and his attorney. Paul Bergrin, arrive Thursday at the courthouse for Davis' sentencing hearing in Fort Hood, Texas. Davis pleaded guilty to battery and two other charges in connection with the prisoner abuse scandal at the Abu Graib prison in Irag.

Witness in Abu Ghraib trial calls prison conditions dire

The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas - Abu Ghraib prison took a toll both on its thousands of inmates and the relative-ly few soldiers who guarded them, according to a witness who testified in the penalty phase for a military policeman who has pleaded guilty to abusing de-

Army Maj. David Dinenna, a leader of Sgt. Javal Davis' military police battalion, called conditions there "deplorable," with shortages of food, water and clothing as well as frequent mortar attacks and prisoner flare-ups

"It was filthy, with rodents, rats, wild dogs and trash and an overpopulation of prisoners," Dinenna

Davis, 27, a reservist from Roselle, N.J., pleaded guilty Tuesday to battery, dereliction of duty and lying to Army investigators as part of a deal with

The former guard faces a maximum 61/2 years in prison for his crimes, but defense lawyer Paul Bergrin has said that the plea deal caps Davis' sentence at 18 months

Capt. Chuck Neill, a prosecution spokesman, said the jury's sentence recommendation will be compared to the deal offered to Davis, and the lesser sentence will be served.

Earlier in the hearing, prosecutors played a tape for the nine-man Army jury in which Davis responded to questions from the judge on Tuesday about what he did to seven handcuffed and hooded prisoners in November 2003.

In the tape, Davis admitted he stepped on the

7 British soldiers charged

LONDON - Seven British soldiers will stand trial on charges of murder for the killing of an Iraqi civilian in 2003, Britain's attorney general said Thursday

Lord Goldsmith said the soldiers would face court-martial in connection with the death of Nadhem Abdullah on May 11, 2003, in Al U'Zayra in southern Iraq. He gave no details of the man's death, other than that it occurred at a roadside.

Meanwhile, prosecutors at a British base in Germany dropped the remaining charge against one of three soldiers standing trial on allegations of abusing Iraqi captives on Thursday, saying they couldn't prove he was the one who forced two detainees to strip and simulate sex acts.

hands and feet of detainees and that he later fell with his full weight on them.

Davis said he knew his actions were wrong and that the abuse was not carried out as part of an approved regimen prior to interrogation, as other accused Abu Ghraib guards have claimed

He said he saw prisoners being physically mistreated and sexually humiliated, but that he failed to help them or report the abuse, as required under military law. He also admitted lying to an Army investigator when he denied his misdeeds.

Davis also spoke of dangers faced by guards at Abu Ghraib, including prisoners armed with homemade knives. He blamed job stress for his wrongful acts.

Seoul pleased by Bush's remarks on North Korea

BY SOO-JEONG LEE The Associated Press

SEOUL - South Korea on Thursday welcomed President Bush's softened tone toward North Korea, hoping it would help the communist North return to talks aimed at ending its nuclear

weapons programs. Bush only briefly mentioned North Korea late Wednesday during his State of the Union address. broadcast early Thursday in Asia, saying Washington was "working closely with governments in Asia to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

That was a stark contrast to his speech three years ago, when he branded North Korea part of an "axis of evil" with Iran and Iraq.

The absence of hostile rhetoric raised hopes for a positive re-sponse from North Korea. Analysts have said the North was waiting to see what Bush would say about it in his State of the Union speech before deciding to rejoin nuclear talks

"We assess that President Bush's speech reflected Washington's will to resolve the North's nuclear issue through a peaceful and diplomatic way," South KoFor more coverage of the State of the Union address, see Pages 10-12

rea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"Now, it's time for North Korea to make a positive response and for us to resume the six-party talks soon and make concrete progress for the resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue," it said

Analysts in South Korea predicted that the absence of barsh words would help restart the nuclear talks.

"The United States appears to have carefully prepared the speech so as not to give North Korea an excuse for not coming to six-party talks," Kim Sung-han, a professor at Seoul's Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, said in an interview with TV channel YTN

Koh Yu-hwan of Seoul's Dongguk University said Bush seemed to be giving North Korea "one more chance." Bush also ap-peared conscious that he might have been criticized for hampering progress on denuclearization if he had stuck to his earlier rhetoric about the North.

Since 2003, the United States, the two Koreas, China, Japan and Russia have held three rounds of six-nation talks on the North's nuclear weapons programs. But no significant progress was report-

A fourth round of talks scheduled for last September did not take place because North Korea refused to attend

Possible exports of nuclear materials and technology by North Korea have long been a concern of the United States. The reclusive state is known to have sold missiles to Iran and Syria in past

North Korea has cited a "hostile" U.S. policy as the key stumbling block to ending the nuclear standoff. It has demanded that Washington provide a nonaggression treaty and compensation in return for ending its nuclear pro-



strike, at the Buddhist temple in Seoul. Jiyul is fasting to protest the construction of a tunnel through Mount Cheonseong, near Pusan; she says the project will harm endangered salamanders.

Nun enters 100th day of hunger strike in S. Korea

The Associated Press

SEOUL - A gaunt Buddhist nun entered the 100th day of a hunger strike Thursday, consuming only water and salt, for a cause many South Koreans find unfamiliar: saving salamanders.

Once dismissed as a mere protester, she gripped national attention this week as her dogged strike entered its 100th day and doctors warned she is so weak that her life hangs by a thread.

"Save nun Jiyul!" chanted hundreds of people gathered in central Seoul Thursday.

The vigil, held simultaneously at 20 locations throughout the country, brought together thou-sands of activists, whose concerns now reached beyond protecting the endangered Korean amphibian to saving the nun

A hundred days ago, Jiyul, who uses only one name like most Korean Ruddhist nuns and monks began fasting to demand that the government halt construction of a tunnel through Mount Cheonseong, near Pusan, South Korea's second-largest city, on the country's southeast coast

The tunnel is part of a multibilon-dollar high-speed train line the government is building between Seoul and Pusan.

Because of the cost and route design, the government sees no alternative to building the tunnel.

For Jiyul, it's an ugly symbol of government callousness toward the environment. For her, the bureaucrats' emphasis on development over environment is something she should fight with her

The tunnel, now under construction, will harm 30 endangered species, including Korean clawed salamanders, according to the nun and other environmen-

Rice makes first trip to Europe

Secretary of state hopes to mend relations hurt by war BY ANNE GEARAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - For her symbolic first trip abroad as the new face of U.S. foreign policy, Secre tary of State Condoleezza Rice is paying special attention to European allies who stuck with the United States through war and its aftermath in Iraq.

Britain, the staunchest ally on Iraq, is the first stop. Rice is to meet with Prime Minister Tony Blair and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on Friday. Later in the trip, Rice will call on Italy and Poland, both countries that sent significant numbers of troops to Iraq de-spite internal opposition to the

She also is offering an olive branch to France - a critic of the Iraq invasion whose people re-main suspicious of President

Bush's intentions across the globe by choosing Paris as the site of her first

major sneech U.S. goals in Europe and beyond. Rice

will skip Spain, which an gered the States nulling its troops out of Iraq last

weeks after terrorists bombed Madrid commuter trains on March 11, killing 191 and wounding more than 1,500

Iraq and the strained relations of the recent past hang over the weeklong trip to Europe and the Middle East, but Rice will focus

on brighter prospects for Bush's second term. Topping the list is the possibility of renewed neace talks between Israel and the Palestinians. Rice will visit Jerusalem and the West Bank between stops in eight European capitals and the Vatican.

Europeans are expected to watch Rice's tour closely for any sign of the Bush administration's next move in Iraq, as well as its plans for answering nuclear threats in Iran and North Korea. Rice herself will also be the object of curiosity

Leaders in Europe will press Rice to send at least "subtle signals" to Iran that the United States backs the Europeans' effort to head off nuclear weapons development, said John Bruton, head of the European Commission delegation in Washington.

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Vatican: Pope's condition improves

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II's condition is improving and he has not suffered any more breathing spasms, the Vatican said, but the 84-year-old pontiff may have to spend up to a week in the hospital to fully recover.

In a sign that the pope's health had stabilized, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the Vatican would not issue another medical bulletin until Friday. The Holy See has said the pope would spend a few more days at the Gemelli Poly-

"He rested well all night, and the laboratory tests that were made give a satisfactory result, Navarro-Valls said.

He did not say exactly how long the pope would remain hospitalized, but he told reporters: "In my personal experience, when I've had the flu, it lasts seven days or a week - take your pick.

From The Associated Press

USS Lincoln leaves tsunami disaster area



Sailors gather prior to a farewell ceremony on board the USS Abraham Lincoln off Banda Aceh, Indonesia, on Thursday. The Lincoln's departure marks a major drawdown in U.S. tsunami aid effort.

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT The Associated Press

ABOARD USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN A U.S. aircraft carrier with 5,300 sailors and Marines headed out of Indonesian waters on Thursday, the single-biggest drawdown of the American military aid effort for the Dec. 26 tsunami victims.

The USS Abraham Lincoln "is moving out of Indonesian waters tonight," said Navy spokesman Cmdr. Mark McDonald. It is expected to arrive in Singapore Fri-

day, he said. About 1,000 servicemen and women stood at attention on the hot flight deck during a ceremony by U.S. and Indonesian officials to thank the personnel of the Abraham Lincoln, the figurehead of the U.S. military aid effort.

"In a very short while the U.S. military will have fulfilled its part in the overall relief support being provided by the U.S. government," said Lt. Gen. Robert Blackman, the commander of the U.S. military tsunami relief in Asia.

The event was attended by Indonesia's Welfare Minister Alwi Shihab, Indonesian military chief Endriartono Sutarto and U.S. Ambassador Lynn Pascoe, who arrived on a helicopter from Banda Aceh, the capital of the Aceh province that bore the brunt of the tsunami

More than 158,000 people are confirmed to have died in the disaster, including 111,000 in Indonesia alone. The estimates of the missing range up to 142,000 region-wide

The United States, which sent 15,000 service personnel after the tsunami, will

Sri Lanka: No more parkas, Viagra

GALLE, Sri Lanka - The grateful people of Sri Lanka would like to make a humble request to all those who have offered succor to its devastated tsunami victims: Please, no more ski jackets, moisturizing gel or Viagra.

The recent outpouring of tsunami sup-port, while helpful on the whole, has brought with it a mountain of unusable stuff from the Western world. That includes cozy winter hats, Arctic-weather tents, cologne and thong underwear. Dubbed "frustrated cargo" by aid workers - because it often has nowhere to go - these misfit items are gathering dust in warehouses and creating major head-aches for relief workers in the field.

Mounds of donated clothes litter the coastal highway south of Colombo. Bottled water from European mountain streams is flowing freely, raising concern about litter in the jungle. Medicines that are no longer needed, such as morphine, are feared to be loose in the

Some are putting items of no apparent local value to creative use. Impakt Aid, a group in Sri Lanka, cites two dozen goose-down jackets it recently received from a European relief agency. After some snickering, the group forwarded the coats to a refugee camp.

There they were used to wrap babies who were without diapers.

have about 5,000 troops left in the country after the departure of the USS Abraham Lincoln. The other U.S. forces were pulled out in phases last month.

Several other countries including Australia, Japan, France, Germany, Singapore and Malaysia also sent troops and aircraft.

"I am pleased that the government of Indonesia no longer needs the full complement of forces that were originally deployed," said Shihab.

The remaining U.S. troops, will continue helping with the reconstruction effort through February, a U.S. diplomat in Jakarta, speaking on condition of anonym-

The helicopters and the craft will be based on the USS Essex, an amphibious as-sault ship from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, said the diplomat. The hospital ship USNS

Mercy will also remain in the area.

Meanwhile, the top World Health Organization health crisis official said efforts to combat disease outbreaks in Sumatra had exceeded his expectations, after the U.N. body had warned of possible mosquito-and waterborne epidemics in the re-gion, which is in the grip of the rainy sea-

Although some cases had been reported, "we have managed to prevent any major disease outbreak from affecting the tsunami-affected populations," David Nabarro told reporters.

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IN THE STATES

Bush pushes Social Security reform in speech

BY DAVID ESPO The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Trying to build pressure on a wary Congress, President Bush cam-paigned Thursday for changes in Social Security that would combine reduced government benefits for younger workers with "a chance to build a nest egg' through personal accounts.

"We must make Social Security permanently sound, not leave that task for another day," Bush told lawmakers in a State of the Union address Wednesday night that elicited applause from Republicans and audible grumbles rom Democrats in the audience.

With success in Congress far from assured, the president boarded Air Force One for a two-day, five-state trip to sell his program.

Each state he visits is represented in the Senate by at least one Democrat the administration hopes to sway on Social Security.

Bush's first stop was North Dakota, which he won heavily in last fall's election. Even so, early indications were not so nositive this

"He's saying we've got to take more money out of Social Securi ty to start private accounts and borrow the money," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., a target of Bush's travels. "I just think it's very unwise."

Other Democrats said Bush's



President Bush concludes his annual State of the Union speech before a joint session of Congress in Washington on Wednesday, Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert, R-III., applaud in the background.

program could reduce guaranteed government benefits for younger Americans by 40 per-

Bush offered no information on that point Wednesday night as he outlined his plans in broad strokes. Aides said that by leaving many key details vague, he intended to give GOP congressional leaders room to piece together

legislation that can command a

He laid down a few markers, though, saying he will not agree to increase payroll taxes and wants provisions to keep lower-in-come Americans above the poverty line during retirement

"We must guarantee that there is no change" in current or promised benefits for anyone age 55 and older, he said in a move to neutralize opposition from older Americans.

In a 53-minute speech, Bush also blended the conservative with the compassionate, and gave no ground on his policy on the war in Iraq in which more than 1.400 American forces have died

He renewed his call for a constitutional amendment banning gay

For full text of speech, go to www.stripes.com

marriage, and announced an increase in the use of DNA evidence to prevent wrongful convictions. "Soon I will send Congress a proposal to fund special training for defense counsel in capital ses," he added

In an echo of his inaugural address pledge to promote freedom overseas, he called on the government of Iran to "end its support for terror. And to the Iranian people, I say tonight: As you stand for vour own liberty. America stands

The longest applause was when Bush recognized Janet and Bill Norwood, the parents of Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas, who was killed in the assault of Fallujah. In an emotional and symbolic moment, Mrs Norwood and Safia Taleb al-Suhail leader of the Iragi Women's Political Council, held each other in a long embrace. The Iraqi woman had evoked her own protracted applause earlier when she stood and saluted Congress with an ink-stained finger and V-for-victory sign after the president had introduced her as a symbol of millions of Iraqis who voted in a free election for the first time last Sunday.

Senate confirms Gonzales for attorney general spot

By JESSE J. HOLLAND The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Alberto Gonzales won Senate confirmation Thursday as attorney general despite Democratic accusations that he helped formulate White House policies that led to overseas prison-er abuse and was too beholden to President Bush to be the nation's top law enforcement official.

The Senate voted 60-36 to put the first Hispanic ever into the job, with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats. Last week, 13 Democrats voted against Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's confirma-

Gonzales will replace John Ashcroft, who four years ago won confirmation by an even smaller margin, 58-42.

Republicans and some Democrats praised Gonzales' life story: the grandson of Mexican immigrants who worked his way up to being President Bush's top lawver in the White House

Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., the first Cuban-American senator, even broke with Senate tradition and praised Gonzales in Spanish on the Senate floor on Wednesday, "This is a breakthrough of incredible magnitude for Hispanic-Americans," he said in English

Democrats praised Gonzales as well,

but many said they couldn't look past his participation in administration policies they said had led to abuses that occurred in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They also complained that he refused to answer their questions on how those policies were created inside the White House.

"Mr. Gonzales was at the heart of the Bush administration's notorious decision to authorize our forces to commit flagrant acts of torture in the interrogation of detainees," said Sen. Edward Kennedy. D-Mass

At first, many Democrats had joined Republicans in praising the former state judge who traveled with Bush to Washington after the president's 2000 victory.

"When Mr. Gonzales was nominated several weeks ago, I didn't know a single member of this body, Republican or Democrat, who had expressed any intention to vote against this nominee," said Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

But some Democrats turned against him after he sidestepped questions on what advice he gave Bush and other administration officials on the interrogation methods that could be used on suspected terrorists or witnesses.

Some Democrats contended that Gonzales' January 2002 memo as White House counsel led to the abuse of prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in a 60-36 vote on Thursday afternoon despite sentiments of some Democrats who objected to his role in Bush administration policies they say led to overseas prisoner abuse.

Pressed on the issue Gonzales defended language in which he labeled as "quaint" some of the Geneva Conventions' human rights protections for prisoners of war and said they did not extend to al-Qaida and other suspected terrorists.

But he also declared, "Torture and abuse will not be tolerated by this administration." He told senators that, as attorney general, he would "ensure the Department of Justice aggressively pursues those responsible for such abhorrent ac-

Democrats also expressed concern that Gonzales was too much of a Bush loyalist.

"He was so circumspect in his answers. so allied with the president's position on every single issue, there was almost an eagerness to say, 'I'm going to do exactly what the president wants,' that I worry Judge Gonzales will be too willing to toe the party line," said Sen, Charles Schumer. D-N.Y.

Gonzales shouldn't be a scapegoat for what happened overseas. Republicans said. They also insinuated that the Democrats wanted a big vote against Gonzales to keep Bush from making him the first Hispanic Supreme Court nominee if a position comes open.

Bush lays out Social Security plan Bush share vision, but

Pushes private accounts for voung workers

BY LAURA MECKLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration unveiled a host of details about its proposal to add personal accounts to Social Security, but key questions remain unanswered, including how much guaranteed benefits will be cut and how the plan will be paid for.

Under the proposal outlined by President Bush and his aides Wednesday, Social Security benefits would not change for retirees or wage-earners age 55 or older.

the future government guarantee would be reduced for younger workers whether or not they set up personal accounts, but more for those who choose to divert some of their payroll tax to a personal account. Eventually, Bush envisions per-

mitting younger workers to invest two-thirds of their payroll taxes in the new private accounts. They would be required to purchase an investment that, when combined with a monthly Social Security check, would keep their income above the federal poverty level during retirement

Bush's aides outlined selected details as he sketched his proposals in broad terms in his State of the Union address.

They omitted other material, declining to say, for example, how large a reduction in guaranteed benefits would fall on younger workers. Some estimates put it at more than 40 percent, although Republican aides stressed that any drop should be offset, at least partially, by income from personal investments

Nor did the administration say how it would cover the so-called transition costs to a remodeled Social Security program, which it pegged at \$750 billion over a de-

Aides said Bush was not submitting legislation to Congress, responding to requests from Senate GOP leaders that he give them leeway to fashion a measure that



President Bush makes his way out of the House Chamber on Wednesday after delivering his annual State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress, at the Capitol in Washington. He is escorted at left by Senate Majority Leader Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Democrats, in the minority in both the House and Senate, said they'd oppose Bush's proposals

Democrats are all for giving Americans more of a say and more choices when it comes to their retirement savings. But that doesn't mean taking Social Security's guarantee and gambling with " said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Senate Democrats were sending Bush a letter Thursday urging him to limit borrowing in crafting Social Security legislation, saying it would be immoral to pass this debt onto future generations

Administration officials acknowledged that the private accounts do not solve Social Securi-

ty's long-term financial woes. Without any changes, the pro-gram, established in 1935, is estimated to begin paying out more than it collects as early as 2018. In 2042, according to the program's official estimate, its trust funds will be depleted and benefits will he paid entirely from current tay

Analysis

receipts. At that point, checks are predicted to be only 73 percent of the amount now promised

Under the Bush plan, individuals born in 1949 or earlier would stay in the current system without changes. For younger workers the option of new personal accounts would be phased in over three years. Those born in 1965 or earlier could begin participating in 2009 Those born in 1978 and earlier could begin the next year. In the third year, all eligible workers could open personal accounts.

Once workers opt for personal accounts, they could not move back into the traditional system, though they could put their money in low-risk government bonds.

The Bush plan would allow workers to divert about two-thirds of their payroll taxes into these ac-The remaining payroll counts. taxes would continue to go into the Social Security trust funds, as would the entire 6.2 percent payroll tax paid by employers.

To hold down the lost income to

the Social Security trust funds, individual contributions would ini-tially be capped at \$1,000 per year. That figure would rise by \$100 a year until all workers could invest the full 4 percent.

Those who choose to partici-pate would have a limited set of investment choices, similar to those available in the Thrift Savings Plan, a retirement system for federal workers

The government would be re sponsible for keeping track of how much money is in each worker's account, a proposal aimed at keep ing administrative fees low. The dministration estimates annual administrative fees would total 0.3 nercent of each account balance.

As their work years end, all workers with personal accounts too small to assure retirement income above the federal poverty level when combined with their monthly government check, would be required to purchase an investment annuity to guarantee such a level. However, any money put into an annuity could not be passed on to heirs

Bush shares will people invest in it?

BY RON FOURNIER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush is drawing a long gray line through the baby boom generation, hoping to keep the oldest at bay and the youngest at his side as he pursues drastic changes to Social

Security.

Bush said in his State of the Union address, "I have a message for



American who 55 is

years or older: Do not let anyone mislead you. For you, the Social Se-curity tys to will not change." But it will change dramatical-

ly for people under 55, if the president gets his way: Benefit cuts, increasing the retirement age and discouraging the early collection of retirement checks

while uning Congress to create private investment accounts for Gocial Security taxes, he told the under-55 set, Your money will grow over time, at a greater rate than anything the current system can

Bush can't guarantee market-based private accounts will always yield better rates than the current program, but that might not matter to young and middle-aged Americans who have long assumed Social Security would sputter before they grew old.

People under 55 are generally more savvy about invest-ments than their parents and grandparents who were raised during the Depression and con-sider Social Security a birthright. A recent Democratic poll found that nearly two-thirds of people under 50 believe that Social Security will pay lower or no benefits when they retire

People over 50 have much more confidence in the system. Independent pollsters with the Pew Research Center found that 58 percent of people 18-54 support private investment accounts. Among those 55 and older, only 45 percent do.

Bush sought to keep the young and middle-aged on his side by appealing to their parenmaterial instincts. "You'll be able to pass along the money that accumulates in your personal account, if you wish, to your children and grandchildren," he said.

There are troubling signs for Bush. A recent GOP poll found that sentiment swings against personal accounts near-retirees are exposed to a series of common arguments for and against Bush's plan

Young voters and near-retirees may be less receptive when they learn the details of Bush's plan: a big reduction in benefits for young workers when they retire, larger still if they choose to establish a personal account.

Speech full of numbers, but not the negative ones

WASHINGTON - President Bush left some of the balance out of the balance sheet when he talked about retirement savings in his State of the Union speech The president told younger workers they

can expect higher retirement returns if they divert some of their payroll taxes into private accounts under his proposal. He didn't tell them they can expect a lower Social Security check too.

A variety of telling details went unspoken in the policy-thick address, on jobs, Iraq, terrorism and more

In a portion of his speech dealing with economic progress in the past four years. Bush trumpeted the addition of 2.3 million jobs "in the last year alone," as though he's delivered a succession of job gains

His number was correct for the year in ques tion, but he left out that there was an overall job loss in those four years. He remains about 300,000 jobs short of closing that jobs deficit.

Bush called Iraq "free and sovereign, arguably premature definition in light of the continuing violence from insurgents and the

overwhelming presence of U.S The president touted global support for the Iraq war, saying 28 coun-

tries have troops on the ground. How ever, most troops come from the U.S and Britain, 90 percent of coalition troop deaths have been American, and several nations have indicated they want to null out because of costs.

casualties and Sunday's vote. Bush explained in detail how, under his proposal, younger workers would be able to divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts "so you can build a nest egg for your own future.

Nowhere did he give the other side of the equation — that Social Security benefits for those workers would be reduced as a result. He stated "your account will provide money for retirement over and above the check you

will receive from Social Security," plaining that that check would be smaller. Declaring Social Security will go broke if nothing is done, Bush said that by 2042, "the en-

tire system would be exhausted and bankrupt."
The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office forecasts Social Security as it is would be able to pay 73 percent of benefits in 2042 and stay solvent for 10 years beyond that.

The speech does what one would expect it to do: focuses on advantages of the plan, not on the risks," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center.

Emotions run high for some at address



Janet and William Norwood, of Pflugerville, Texas, hug Wednesday after being mentioned by President Bush during his State of the Union address. Applauding, from left, Marine Staff St., John Manuel Martinez; Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council; and first lady Laura Bush. The Norwoods' son, Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood, was killed in Fallujah on Nov. 13.

Marine's parents, Iraqi woman share pain

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They met the before the speech began: the mother of a Marine killed in Iraq and the daughter of a man killed by Saddam Hussein's regime. They found some comfort in a spontaneous moment that electrified President Bush's State of the Union address.

The two women, both touched by death in Iraq, reached out for each other while lawmakers, military leaders, the president and the nation watched. Their locked embrace inspired the longest applause of the evening.

On Thursday, the parents of Marine Corps Sgt. Byron Norwood said the Iraqi woman, Safia Taleb al-Suhail, had turned and introduced herself just before the speech.

"She thanked us for our son's sacrifice and made sure we knew the people in Iraq were grateful for the sacrifices that were made not just by our son, but by all of them," Janet Norwood said. "I just told her how happy we

"I just told her how happy we were that the elections were successful and told her our son would have been pleased," said Norwood, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" with her husband, Bill.

Al-Suhail's father was killed 11 years ago by the Iraqi intelligence service. Now the leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council, she watched the annual presidential address Wednesday night at the Capitol as a guest of first lady Laura Bush.

Behind her sat Janet Norwood, who sent her son into battle wishing she could "protect him like I had since he was born." Her son was proud to fight, loved his job and wanted to protect the nation, the mother wrote in a letter to the president. "We have said farewell to some

very good men and women who died for our freedom and whose memory this nation will honor forever," Bush said.

Pain etched lines in Norwood's forehead as she held a woman who won the freedom to vote in Iraq's election on Sunday. Norwood finally let go, took her husband's arm and rested her head on his shoulder.

The Iraqi woman had been applauded earlier when she stood and waved an purple-ink-stained finger and V-for-victory sign after being introduced by the president as a symbol for millions

of Iraqis who voted in a free election for the first time last Sunday

Lawmakers honored those elections with a show of purple, the color that marked the index fingers of Iraqis who voted. A wave of purple fingers went

A wave of purple fingers went up at each mention of the Iraqi vote, a gesture organized by Rep. Bobby Jindal, R-La., to demonstrate solidarity with Iraqi voters. In a letter to fellow lawmakers, Jindal said he wanted to display support for "people throughout the world who seek freedom."

Some women traded traditional red and blue garb for suits that spanned a spectrum of purple, from lavender to violet. A few men sported purple ties.

"In any nation, casting your vote is an act of civic responsibility," Bush said of the election. "For millions of Iraqis, it was also an act of personal courage, and they have earned the respect of us all."

Democrats also praised the election, but pushed the Bush administration to improve security and transfer governing authority to the Iraqis.

"We have never heard a clear plan from this administration for ending our presence in Iraq," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Bush speech stirs hope, skepticism across nation

The Associated Press

Following his State of the Union address, President Bush was to sell his agenda during a two-day swing through Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, Arkansas and Florida. Here is a sampling of reaction in those states.

NEBRASKA: When President Bush comes to Omaha on Friday, Sheldon Skovgaard plans to attend his rally and cheer. Dan Seaman plans to be on the street outside protesting.

The political opposites came together along with 10 other Creighton University students Wednesday night to watch Bush's State of the Union address.

Skovgaard, vice president of the College Republicans, said he was most interested in Social Security reform: "I don't know a single person my age who has confidence in the Social Security system the way it is today."

He said he liked Bush's proposed private investment accounts and the comparison of them to the Thrift Savings plan. Skovgaard, a 20-year-old philosophy major, is in his third year in the Army Reserves.

"As a soldier I pay into that Thrift plan, and I can mix stocks and bonds, and I can get up to 6 or 8 percent return," Skovgaard said. "That's going to be a big selling point to a lot of people."

Seaman, a 21-year-old Democrat from Rapid City, S.D., voted for John Kerry and said he had low expectations for Bush's speech. "I heard what I expected," Seaman said. "I'm not sold on his domestic agenda."

The philosophy major said he didn't form an opinion on Social Security reform. He said he thinks more research should be done on projections regarding Social Security's demise.

"This stuff makes me leery," he

ARKANSAS: Bradford Scruggs, 32, who voted for Bush, sipped a draft beer at a Mexican restaurant in Little Rock as he waited for his take-out food and watched the speech on a TV above the bar.

"I'm not a fan of Bush, but I voted for him," said Scruggs, who said he turned conservative after spending his college years as a staunch liberal

The owner of a small business said he's worried about baby boomers draining Social Security and liked what Bush had to say about privatizing the system.

"It's a 20th century idea and it can't go into the next century." Scruggs said. "We have to change it. It has to be partially privatized because regardless of who is in power it's going to run out of money."

FLORIDA: At a suburban Miami retirement home, much of the focus of the president's speech was on two words: Social Security.

For retired accountant Amelia Martin, the system demands reforms. But to Harry Hill, a retired federal government worker, Bush's proposed reforms spell Martin, 84, said she worried that "a lot of people who are not responsible" would have trouble with voluntary personal accounts for younger workers.

"Now, how it's going to be handled, that is something that has to be worked out," Martin said.

Hill, on the other hand, wasn't convinced. "This Social Security thing is a total disaster," he said. "Anyone who signs up for it is a fool."

Florida has more than 3.3 million Social Security beneficiaries and five of the state's congressional delegation represent the nation's highest concentration of recipients.

NORTH DAKOTA: Free pizza and soda helped attract about 75 students to a North Dakota State University TV room for the speech.

Melissa Mallett, 20, president of the College Republicans, listened and hoped to snag one of 25 tickets that were being raffled off for Bush's appearance scheduled on campus Thursday.

"If something isn't done about Social Security, we're going to be stuck with nothing," said Mallett. "My parents will be turning to me for money, kind of like what I do to them now."

The president of the College Democrats, Robert Blaufuss, watched the speech with friends at a dorm room. Though he was impressed with Bush's speaking skills, there was little in the address that impressed him. "There weren't a lot of issues that I got worked up about, but I think his plan on Social Security is a bad idea." Blaufuss said.

MONTANA: Paul Whiting, 67, took notes during the speech from his home in Billings.

He couldn't hide his reaction

"I really don't trust him," the semi-retired photographer said about Bush. He has voted for Democrats and lately some independents. He did not vote for Bush.

One of his biggest worries is for-

eign policy. Whiting is a peace advocate, who participated in local vigils leading up to the war in Iraq and said he'd like to see the United States adjust its foreign

"Think we're working on a posture of fear and isolationism," he said. "I think we really have to examine why our policies generate so much hostility around the world."

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Super Bowl torture for gambling addicts

By JOHN CURRAN

The Associated Press

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. -One by one, they filed in for a Tuesday night meeting of Gamblers Anonymous.

One man wore an Eagles sweat shirt. One remembered the Super Bowl Sunday he spent baby-sitting his granddaughter, only to find himself with an uncontrollable urge to bet \$10,000 on the game, 10 years

Then there was the newcomer, facing his first Super Bowl since he quit a lifelong addiction in which he bet up to \$12,000 a game on the NFI.

"It's a tough week," he told the gather-g. "It's the trifecta: We've got football, the Super Bowl and my favorite team play-

For gambling addicts like these, the Super Bowl is anything but super. The buildup to Sunday can be even worse: It is a time to relive bad memories, to fight gnawing temptations, to avoid thinking about the event everyone seems to be talk-

ing about That's a difficult proposition, especially here — in a southern New Jersey communi-ty awash in Philadelphia Eagles fever. There are "Go Eagles" signs on cars, grocery store circulars advertising Super age of Terrell Owens' injury on radio and TV.

They just have to ignore it, and it's really difficult in this area because of all the hype about the Eagles," said Harvey Fogel, a compulsive gambling counselor. "If they were in Minnesota, it wouldn't be that big a deal. It's worse here, there's more hype be-

cause of the Eagles. The same is true in New England, where Patriots fans are immersed in the team's hunt for a third NFL title in four years.

ing, news media coverage, office pools and watercooler talk about the Patriots, who are favored by a touchdown to beat the Ea-

"Certainly, this is a hard time for folks in recovery from sports betting," said Mar-lene Warner, program director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gam bling. "In particular, the media's hyping the Super Bowl, saying it's a dynasty here in New England and the Patriots are favored to win.

"It's kind of a 'We can't lose' attitude and I'm sure that's sending signals to people that it's a sure bet, that if you're going to bet, this is the time to do it. That starts thinking in people like, 'Well, maybe this one time, I can do it," Warner said.

To recovering gamblers whose passion was sports betting, the Super Bowl means super temptation.

It is an opportunity to salvage a losing season, a chance to erase debts with one big victory — lots of chances, in fact: There are dozens of possible bets, including who wins the coin toss, whether the game's first punt will hit the ground or be caught cleanly and whether the reigning champs' point total will be an even number or an odd one.

Nevada sports books anticipate taking up to \$100 million in legal bets on Sunday's game. Millions more dollars are expected

to be wagered on the Internet. And come Monday, the 1-800-GAM-BLER helpline run by the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling expects to see its annual spike, with bottomed-out gamblers seeking help. Typically, the lines see a 50 percent increase in calls in the week after the game, according to Ed Weed who runs it

"They say 'I've had it.' or 'I thought for sure so-and-so would win,' or 'I took the points,' " said Weed.



Racehorses Gentlemen's Club and Adult Movie Theatre is shown Friday in Salem. S.D. Owner Bob Rieger has continued to offer nude dancing at the club despite a barrage of legal challenges.

No liquor license, no problem: Nude juice bar thrives in S.D.

By DIRK LAMMERS The Associated Press

SALEM, S.D. - The mix of nude dancers, orange juice and black-and-white independent films wasn't in Bob Rieger's original business plan

But it has helped his Racehorses Gentlemen's Club survive amid the cornfields of South Dakota and fend off a two-year barrage of challenges from politicians and a small group of outraged locals.

"Tve been to court with them four times, and I beat them every time," Rieger says.

When the county denied Rieger a liquor license

for a bar, he opened a strip club with a juice bar in 2003. When it served a stop order saying a commercial business could not operate in area zoned for agriculture, Rieger went to court and won

And when 74 percent of the county's voters passed an anti-nudity ordinance in June, Rieger found a loophole that exempted movie theaters. After a two-week hiatus, the club re-emerged as Racehorses Gentlemen's Club and Adult Movie The atre and has been operating ever since.

Now the county is drawing up a new ordinance that would require his dancers to wear pasties and G-strings. And a state senator plans to push for a similar state law.

"At this point, it's harassment," Rieger says. "They're really picking on me."

McCook County State's Attorney Roger Gerlach

says the proposed ordinance is not an attempt to put Rieger out of business: "As long as they have some opaque clothing over the crucial parts of the human body, they can dance all they want

In the meantime, customers continue paying \$10officially an all-day movie ticket - to watch strippers dance. Patrons can sit next to the stage or get a pri-vate dance in a small room off to the side. They also can grab a stool at the juice bar and order a \$3 drink When Rieger retooled his business as a movie the-

ater, he said he would feature independent, artsy R-rated films. During a recent visit, though, hard-core fare was playing in the club's 17-seat theater. The 15-member Citizens Against Nude Juicebars and Pornography has organized protests outside the

club and filmed patrons in the parking lot to discourage them from entering. "There's a line between right and wrong," said co-founder Maxine Pulse. "And it seems like any-

more nowadays that line has got all jumbled up. After Rieger seized on a loophole in the law that allows nudity in such places as movie theaters, health clubs and college art classes, Pulse's group dropped its protests for fear of being hit with harassment charges. Republican state Senator Clarence Kooistra plans to take the fight to the next level and propose a state law that would force Rieger's dancers to cover up, "We do not want the Salem area and Mc-Cook County to be known as Sin City, South Dako-

Actress' final words provide tragic lesson

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - As an actress, Nicole duFresne had roles in dozens of way-off-Broadway produc-

But it was an unfortunate real-life line witnesses say du-Fresne uttered before her slaying

 "What are you going to do, shoot us?" — that has brought her to the public's attention. Authorities have refused to speculate whether the 28-year-

old actress and playwright's defiant stand against a bandit prompted him to shoot her to death last week on a New York City street. "Regardless of what the victim

said or did not say, the person responsible for her death is the one who pulled the trigger," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said earlier this week.

Safety advocates, however, have cited the case as a lesson in how not to respond to a holdup.

On Wednesday, the Washing-ton-based National Crime Prevention Council responded to widespread reports about duFresne's last words by circulating a list of tips on how to survive a mugging

It demonstrates that confronting an attacker is probably the worst thing you can do," said council spokesman Todd Post.

DuFresne, a Minnesota trans plant whose Internet résumé listed "stage combat" as one of her skills, was leaving a bar with her fiancé and another couple at 3 a.m. Jan. 27 when they were accosted by a group of youths who already had tried to rob another person earlier in the evening.

Witnesses told police that when the group demanded the other woman's purse, duFresne re-sponded with: "What are you going to do, shoot us?" Police said she also may have gotten into a brief shoving match with the shooter before he fired a bullet into her chest.

Police arrested the alleged triggerman, Rudy Fleming, 19, and two teenage girls they say took a cell phone and credit cards and helped hide the murder weapon.



In this undated photo, aspiring actress Nicole duFresne po for a portrait. A 19-year-old man was charged Tuesday with fatally shooting duFresne when she challenged a group of muggers on a Manhattan street.

All three have been charged with

murder and robbery.

On its tip sheet, the crime pre vention council advises potential victims to stay cool and comply with robbers. At the same time, people should take mental notes on what the assailant looks like so they can provide a detailed de-

scription to police, the sheet says.

A robbery "is more about power than anything," said Alfonso E. Lenhardt, president of the nonprofit council, known for its McGruff the Crime Dog mascot.

"It's a tragedy, but in this case it sounds like [the suspect] felt he wasn't getting the respect he was due." Lenhardt said. "When a gun is in the hands of a desperate person with low self-esteem, they're going to react that way."

The others charged in the kill-ing are Ashley Evans, 18, the daughter of a former New York police officer, and Tatianna Mc-Donald, 14. Two young men were charged in the earlier robbery attempt, while two other youths are considered by police to be wit-

Chicago Hispanics offended by new **American Girl doll**

Backstory tells of Latina character leaving 'dangerous' neighborhood

By MELANIE COFFEE The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Some residents of Chicago's largely Hispanic Pilsen section are upset over a new doll in the popular American Girl series because her storyline says the Mexican-American youngster and her family left the "dangerous" neighborhood for a better life in the suburbs.

Many in the West Side neighborhood say the characterization is insulting and in-

accurate. 44It's veru 'It's very offensive and it's really offensive and a slap in the face to the hardwork it's really a ing people of the Pilsen communi-ty," said Alvaro slap in the face R. Obregon, who to the lives near where hardworking the doll. Marisol supposedly lived people of before setting out for suburban Des the Pilsen Plaines

According biography that accompanies the doll, which introduced just after Christ-

mas, she is the daughter of a transit worker and an accountant. One day her mother tells Marisol the family is leaving their apartment for a house in the suburbs.

The old neighborhood "was no place for me to grow up," the doll's story says. "It was danger-ous, and there was no place for me to play.

American Girl officials said that they never intended to insult

"Our feeling is that when people read the book in its entirety. I think they'll see the picture that we painted of Marisol in the book is from a very warm, lively and very close-knit community. American Girl spokeswoman Stephanie Spanos said Wednes-

day.
Spanos added that the "dangercomment was a reference to traffic in the

city and that Mari sol's parents moved to Des Plaines because they wanted a house and a vard for their daughter

to play in. Police spokesman Pat Camden crime level is pretty typical for Chicago. "Crime there is

community. the highest and it's not the low-Alvaro R. Obregon est." he said. Although crime Community activist was down 6 per-

cent last year in Pilsen, the neighborhood still grapples with gang violence and high dropout rates.

"It's a community that doesn't give up and doesn't run from its problems," said Obregon, who works with the community group



AMERICAN GIRL, HO/AF

Marisol Luna is the newest character in the popular American Girl doll line. The book that accompanies the Mexican-American doll has drawn criticism from Chicago's Hispanic community because in her story line Marisol and her family leave a "dangerous" West Side community for a better life in the suburbs.

this comes out I'm sort of taken

Pilsen has long been a port of entry for immigrants in Chicago From the early 1900s until about 30 years ago, mostly Eastern Europeans lived in the area. Now it is one of the biggest Mexican communities in the United States. In the summer it is known for its outdoor Catholic Mass and festivals that fill the streets with the smell of tamales and the

sound of mariachi bands. American Girl dolls were intro nic characters, including a Hispanic girl living in colonial New Mexico, a black girl during the Civil War and an American Indi-

Alejandra L. Ibanez, executive director of the community group Pilsen Alliance, said American Girl missed an opportunity.

"I wish that they would not have had Marisol leave her community so that little girls like Marisol living in the inner city can be proud of their neighbor

Martha Stewart, 'You're hired'

BY DERRIK J. LANG The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Martha Stewart, you're hired. The masterminds behind "The Apprentice" — Donald Trump

- Donald Trump and Mark Burnett— and NBC an-nounced Wednesday that Stewart will host "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart.'

"Mark and I have always ad-mired her," Trump said. "She's a very brave woman. She's built a multimillion-dollar empire. It was an easy decision. We think this will be an absolutely tremendous success

Burnett didn't reveal many details about the new version of the business-themed reality show, such as whether there will be a boardroom or when the show would begin taping.

But Stewart's take on "Appren-tice" should be distinct, Burnett said. "Martha has her own empire, which has a different look and feel." he said.

Her show will film in either New York or Connecticut, where the Martha Stewart Living Omni-

media empire is lo-Sixcated. teen to 18 contestants will vie for a one- year job with her comand pany

\$250.000 sala-Casting already begun. Pro-

ducers cur-



rently seeking applicants for the fourth edi-tion of Trump's "Apprentice" also will search for Martha wannabes And a graphic with Stewart's face touting "Apply now to be Martha Stewart's Apprentice!" already has sprung up on NBC's Web site. Since Stewart is not allowed to

conduct business while in prison Burnett made it clear his deal with Stewart was completed before the domestic mogul entered prison — although he's made monthly visits to her.

She was convicted last year of lying about why she unloaded shares of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001, just before the price plunged. Stewart began serving her five-month sentence in October and is scheduled for release in early March from a prison in Alderson, W.Va.

Wednesday's announcement means Stewart will have two shows. On Dec. 8 it was announced that she will revive her daily homemaking show next September, this time with a live audi-

ence and celebrity guests.
Filming on her "Apprentice" could begin as early as March, when Stewart goes from prison to house arrest. Under her probation, she'll be allowed to work outside of her home, which Burnett said may include shooting the

hood and not have the perception The Resurrection Project. "It's a duced in 1986. The dolls, which that they must leave the neighborcommunity of faith, of hardworkhave become a must-have for hood so that they can do better for many girls, also feature other ething people, and that's why when Bill would allow DVDs to be child-proofed Lawmakers back plan to shield kids from sex, violence, profanity in movies

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

WASHINGTON - Legislation that would enable parents to skip movie scenes deemed offensive on DVDs is moving quickly in Congress. It also would create stiffer penalties for people who bring videocameras into theaters to make pirated copies.

"Parents have a right to decide what their children see on television and no one should deny them that right," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, who introduced the bill in the

"Fortunately, technology exists that shields children from violence, sex, and profanity. It is the electronic equivalent of fast-forwarding over unwanted content."

The legislation was introduced because Hollywood studios and directors had sued to stop the makers and distributors of the technology. The movies' creators had argued that changing the content would violate their copyrights.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the bill would create an exemption in the copyright laws to make sure companies like ClearPlay, a Salt Lake City business, won't get sued out of

The bill "will help to end aggressive litigation threatening the viability of small companies like ClearPlay which are busy creating innovative technologies for consumers that allow them to tailor their home viewing experience to their own individual or family preferences," Hatch said last week.

The House Judiciary Committee is expected to take up the legislation soon. The Senate passed a similar bill by voice vote Tuesday.

In addition, the legislation introduced in the House and passed by the Senate would create new nenalties for criminals who use small videocameras to record and sell bootlegged copies of first-run films.

The legislation would stop "the most egregious form of copyright piracy plaguing the entertainment industry today, the piracy of film, movies, and other copyrighted materials before copyright owners have had the opportunity to market fully their products," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

If the bill becomes law, people convicted of using cameras to bootleg movies could face as much as three years in federal prison plus fines, with the sentence doubling to six years upon a second conviction.

"The growing piracy of movies, music and software is hurting the ability of artists to be compensated for their hard work," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. The bill "will ensure that those who steal the creative works of others will be held accountable."

Hooking up with a unique band of Marines

New member of President's Own gets a lesson in Corps values

BY MICHAEL E. RUANE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — He has been to Mr. Sneed's, across from the barracks, to get a regulation haircut

He has been to Mr. Yi, next door, to get fitted for his crimson-and-blue uniforms.

He has learned how to salute: Right hand only. Elbow out. Fingertips to the back of the hat bill, with no palm or thumb showing.

By the way, Marine, it's a cover, not a hat. And he has been warned

And he has been warned against chewing gum in uniform. Now it is showtime.

This Sunday, recruit Joseph De-Luccio, 27, a carpenter's son from Vernon, N.J., makes his debut with the Marine Corps — not with a rifle, but with a black, short-barrel, smooth-bore instrument that he will carry throughout his career in uniform.

The oboe.

DeLuccio, who has been in his khaki and olive green service uniform just over a week, is the newest member of the Marine Band, known as the President's Own, which has serenaded every chief executive from John Adams to George W. Bush.

Bypassing boot camp

His trip into a Marine uniform bypassed one essential stop made by virtually all other Marines: the 13-week ordeal commonly known as boot camp, Making the Marine band does not require crawling through the mud, being yelled at by a drill instructor or learning hand-to-hand combat. Band members don't learn to fire a weapon because they never expect to use

The Marine Band's roughly 130 members are the only musicians, in any military service, to be spared such training, according to Capt. John Barclay, executive assistant to the band's director, because they will never be called to combat.

The thinking is that the musicians are a highly trained elite group, the best Marines at what they do, and music should be their focus.

"The average Marine ... will spend 13 weeks becoming a Marine," Barclay said. "The members of the band spend their whole life preparing ... to come here."

The band, established by Congress in 1798 and made famous in the late 1800s by composer and conductor John Philip Sousa, is the oldest professional music organization in the country. It is made up of some of the finest musicians in the world.

Once musicians join the band,



Oboist Joseph DeLuccio, the most recent addition to the U.S. Marine Band, tries on his uniforms at the Marine Annex in Washington, D.C., as he is instructed in how to assemble and wear them.

they tend to stay. Master Gunnery Sgt. James Dickey, the retiring musician DeLuccio is replacing, had been with the band almost 28 years.

Barclay said that, though their role in the Corps differs radically from that of the average leatherneck, band members quickly earn, and return, the respect of fellow Marines.

But the transition from the music conservatory to the Marines, to say nothing of the inner sanctums of the White House, can be abrupt, and the lifestyle change drastic.

"It's a very, very interesting process," Barclay said last week. "They come here and all of sudden they're wearing the uniform of the U.S. Marine Coros."

So while DeLuccio loves Bach and Mozart, and has been steeped in his profession for over a decade, he had to learn that his MOS (military occupational specialty) is 9811, for Marine Band musician; that he shouldn't go outside in uniform without his cover; and that if the concert begins at 1700, that means it's at 5 nm.

A Marine mentor

To ease things, DeLuccio, who is quiet, well-spoken and passionate about his craft, was handed over to Gunnery Sgt. William Kanteres, 29, the band's assistant drum major.

Kanteres, of Manchester, N.H., is a kind of one-man recruit denot.

He is also a musician — a saxophonist — but he was a member

of one of the Marine division bands, underwent recruit training and deployed to Iraq with the division in 2003.

All new members of the Marine Band are turned over to him for indoctrination. "They really belong to him," Barclay said, "until he says that they're ready to go."

DeLuccio's audition last May10 came after he spotted an advertisement in a well-known music newspaper. The job opening was for someone to play oboe and the similar, but larger, English horn.

DeLuccio had a bachelor's degree in music from Baldwin-Wallace College, near Cleveland; a master's degree in music from De-Paul University in Chicago; and was at work on a doctorate in musical arts at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

But a pile of diplomas is no guarantee of work as a musician, a profession in which good, steady jobs are hard to come by.

The Marine Band is renowned and the job pays about \$1,850 a month — the standard rate for a staff sergeant — with a \$1,300 monthly housing allowance, adjusted to match the cost of living in Washington.

He submitted a résumé and was invited to a tryout.

The auditions are always tense. "You essentially get five to 10 minutes to prove yourself," he said. "If you're not feeling good that day, well, too bad. You just have to bring your game and do the best that you can. ... It's a very, very stressful thing to do."

Making the band

DeLuccio's audition at the Marine Barracks was a pressure-packed affair in which he competed against 44 other candidates.

"The standards are high," said Dickey, the retiring oboist, "and the scrutiny is everywhere."

DeLuccio was summoned to play for a five-person selection committee. He was issued a number, 33, and stood behind a screen so the members could not see

The committee wants to be influenced only by the candidate's music.

DeLuccio was asked to play a short but difficult portion of Mozart's "Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra in C Major"; a piece from Maurice Ravel's "Le Tombeau de Couperin"; a part from Beethoven's Third Symphony; and a selection from Anton Dyorak's Seventh Symphony.

He was the last of six finalists called back to play again after lunch. This time the screen was gone, there were 10 people on the selection committee, and the pressure was even higher.

DeLuccio played for about a half-hour, and at one point performed with one of the band's oboists. Afterward, DeLuccio waited with the others for the verdict in a warm-up room.

Finally, a band official entered and announced: "At this time, we'd like to offer the position to Joseph DeLuccio. Congratulations"

"Wow," DeLuccio thought. "All

this hard work has finally paid off."

Learning the ropes

On Jan. 4, he reported to the new Marine Annex, the band's headquarters.

There was no time to waste. This is the band's busy season. Dickey's retirement ceremony was last Friday. DeLuccio's first band rehearsal was four days later. His first concert. Sunday. is

at the University of Maryland.
He got his service uniforms
Jan. 24. He needed help learning
how to properly iron the vertical
creases in the front of his khaki

Monday morning, DeLuccio called at Yi's to get his three newly tailored band jackets. He then reported to the band's locker room, where Kanteres showed him, in rapid-fire fashion, how to assemble the uniforms and wear them.

The white belt had to rest above the two gold buttons at the back of the jacket. The gold Marine Corps collar pins had to align with the collar's white piping. And the loop at the end of the braided white shoulder cord hooked over a button at the top of the jacket.

Tuesday, DeLuccio rehearsed with the band for the first time.

This transition looked easier. On tap for the rehearsal was music by Sergei Prokofiev, Ottorino Respighi, Charles Ives and

Samuel Barber.

"It was fun," DeLuccio said afterward. "It was nice to finally get to be doing what I came here to do."

FACES

Paris Hilton to host 'SNL'

Paris Hilton will be the host of this week's "Saturday Night Live.



It will be her first time as host NBC said Tuesday. She previously "SNL" appeared on in interview with tongue-in-cheek Jimmy Fallon on the show's "Weekend Update" segment.

Hilton is the star of "The Simple Life" with friend Nicole Richie. The Fox TV reality series, now in its third season, features the duo working in a series of menial jobs.

She also has published a memoir, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose."

British band Keane will perform as the show's musical

Orchestra has new chief conductor

Jiri Belohlavek will become chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra and David Robertson will be principal guest conductor, the orchestra announced Tues

Belohlavek, 58, will be chief conductor designate until the summer of 2006, when he assumes the chief conductor post on the first night of the annual Proms concerts He succeeds Leonard Slatkin, who was chief conductor from 2000 until last summer. Belohlayek was chief conductor of the Prague Sympho-

ny (1977-89), music director of the Czech Philharmonic (1990-1992) and principal guest conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra (1995-2000). He made his Metropolitan Opera debut last month in Janacek's "Kat'a Kabanova" and is to make his Berlin Philharmonic debut next

Robertson becomes principal guest conductor in Octo ber, two months after Jukka-Pekka Saraste's term ends.

Simmons to promote animal hot line

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has recruited hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons to promote a new toll-free hot line

for New Yorkers to report abuse of animals



in 54 arrests

Launched on Tuesday, the campaign will use public service announcements and print ads featuring Simmons to encourage people to make anonymous tips to the hot line - 1-877-THE-ASPCA.

"There is nothing cool about being cruel to animals," Simmons said in a statement. "They have no choice or voice

In 2004, the ASPCA investigated about 4,500 reports of animal cruelty citywide, resulting

Pros return in ESPN's 'Dream' show

NBA pros of years past will trade their jerseys for ear pieces, microphones and a layer of TV makeup when the third season of ESPN's "Dream Job" returns

There will be a special preview episode Feb. 20, and starting the following Sunday, Dana Barros, Dee Brown, Matt Bullard, Darryl Dawkins, J.R. Reid and Gerald Wilkins will compete for a one-year NBA studio analyst contract with ESPN. The finale for the five-week series is

"These guys are ready to start a new chapter in their post-NBA careers," said Mark Shapiro, ESPN executive vice president, programming and production. "While their expertise on the court is without question making the jump to the game analyst role will be a challenge that requires an entirely different skill set.

Hosted by Stuart Scott, each hourlong episode will show the contestants competing in a variety of challenges meant to test their on-air worthiness. Whether they are breaking down plays, mastering the telestrator or analyzing game footage, they'll see if they have what it takes to

Guest NBA athletes and personalities will make appearances during the series to participate in mock segments and scenarios for the contestants.



Alley has fun with weighty issue

BY ROB OWEN Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

LOS ANGELES t takes a certain kind of actress to have the security to put it all out there, especially when the "it" is her weight.

Kirstie Alley ("Cheers," "Veronica's Closet") has a background in comedy, which probably helps, but the level of self-deprecating humor she displays playing essentially herself in Showtime's "Fat Actress" (10 p.m. EST March 7) is startling nonetheless.

"When I was doing 'Cheers,' I was hauled in several times for being too fat." Alley said at a press conference this week. "If you'll look back on 'Cheers,' I don't think I ever got over 135 pounds and I'm 5-foot-8. ... When we wrote this show, I said ... 'This is the most humiliating moment of my life. They might need to pad me because I'm really not that fat.' But after I saw the first episode, I was like, 'Oh, my God, I have the fattest [rear end] in the world!' I had no idea I was that fat. So this is cathartic for

Alley, now a Jenny Craig spokeswoman and on one of

career by starring in a series that, at least in part, is about her weight, but she ignored that advice.
"When you're honest about something and you find the

humor in something — I mean, I couldn't have been attacked any more than I was being attacked," she said of tabloid reports about her weight gain before "Fat Ac-

humor in this. I'm not the only person in the world who has gotten fat."

to a normal life, spending more time with her children. "I turned into Donna Reed — only she didn't get fat,"

"I was cooking all the time. I started having tons of company again, and I started doing all the things that I hadn't been doing when I was doing a series that I didn't have the time to do. It just sort of crept up on me, I think."

Alley said she's not concerned about the show becom-

ing less funny if she's successful in losing weight.
"The show is really more about the state of mind of women and introversions that they experience and how easy it is to sort of prey upon women and their insecuri-ties," she said. "It's actually more than about just being fat. If I'm skinny in it, I'm sure I'll have some big disease on the cover of The Star. And there's a season [of the

Seemingly stranger than Alley's self-effacing bravery is that the show's writer, Brenda Hampton, created The WB's "7th Heaven."

'7th Heaven' is more the fluke than this," Hampton aid. "I started in comedy and I wrote half-hour comedy.

My first love is comedy."

In the premiere episode of "Fat Actress," Alley begs a meeting with Jeff Zucker, president of NBC Universal Television Group. Zucker plays a mean, venal version of himself who's all smiles to Alley's face and talks badly about her weight as soon as she leaves the room.

Alley and Hampton liked Zucker's performance so

much, they've invited him back for a second appearance.
"It's very real that of course people would be social, give me a hug, 'Great to see you,' blah, blah, blah," Alley said. "But we know they're going, 'She's [bleeping] fat. What the hell is this? Why in the hell is she so fat?' "

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YOUR MONEY

Survey: Salary outlook almost flat line

By Andrea Coomres CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO - U.S. companies reported better-than-expected revenues in mid-2004, but that doesn't mean they're giving workers bigger salaries, accord-ing to the latest survey by WorldatWork, a trade group for human-resource professionals.

Sixty percent of firms surveyed said revenues were higher in May through October compared with the same period a year earlier, according to the survey of 1,047 companies.

But despite the good news for a majority of companies, 69 percent said they weren't planning to change their salary budgets for

That means most employees can expect a 3.6 percent or 3.7 nercent increase in salary this year, up only slightly from the 3.5 percent companies paid last year, according to the annual survey.

Raises averaged 3.5 percent in 2004, the same increase received in 2003 and a historic low for the 31-year survey.

Still, that average payout may improve: While 69 percent of companies said they wouldn't change their salary budgets, 24 percent said they would change their budget, and of those about 60 percent said they would increase salaries

While the average salary hike certainly isn't stupendous, workers are benefiting a little more than a few years ago.



Nesrin Ozkaynak, center, and other employees package Kodak digital cameras at Eastman Kodak Co., in Rochester, N.Y., on Tuesday. Most U.S. employees will see only a small salary increase this year despite revenue increases, according to a survey.

"Just two years ago we had historic lows in merit budgets, so that increase alone is really good news," said Doug Grieser, a compensation manager at Worldat-Work, based in Scottsdale, Ariz. Average raises tend to mirror inflation, which rose 3.3 percent

Labor Department's consumer

Excluding food and steeply rising energy costs, the consumer price index rose 2.2 percent last year

Salary increases have been declining since the early 1990s, when they averaged about 5.6 per-cent and inflation was about 5.4

In 1981, when inflation was running about 10.3 percent, salary raises averaged 10.6 percent, according to WorldatWork

A shrinking portion of workers are getting salary increases. Only about 84 percent of workers will get raises in 2005, down from about 87 percent of employees last year.

But, if last year is any indication, that forecast, too, may prove to be on the low end. In 2003, comnanies projected that just 78 percent of their workers would get salary increases in 2004, but those firms ended up raising pay for 87 percent of workers.

While employees shouldn't expect much in the way of salary increases, the outlook for bonuses is improving.

Companies say they'll give non-exempt hourly workers (non-exempt means workers eligible for overtime pay) bonuses that average 5.6 percent of their base salary, up from the 4.7 per-cent awarded in 2004.

Bonus pay includes incentives to individual workers as well as companywide awards programs.

Non-exempt salaried workers can expect bonuses averaging 6 percent of base pay, up from 5.4 ercent last year, while exempt salaried workers should receive an average of 12.4 percent of pay up from 11.8 percent last year, and officer and executive workers should snag bonuses averag-

ing 35 percent of base pay, up

from 34.4 percent.

The increases signal the ongo ing move toward pay based on performance. "Back in 2001, 66 percent of the companies said they have some type of variable pay program in place," Grieser

"That increased to 77 percent of the organizations in 2004.

Companies' revenue increases may be spurring that shift.

"Revenue is up, and pay-for-performance programs (often) tie to reaching certain revenue targets," Grieser said, adding that a WorldatWork survey last year found that a top objec tive companies cited for their pay-for-performance plans was improving financial performance or upping revenues.

"If you look at those new 2005 budgeted projections, basically they're saying (to workers) 'we'll give more incentive dollars to you for continuing the increase in revenue," Grieser

"Companies are producing more revenue so they have more dollars to allocate to these incentive plans."

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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345.84	259.08	Dow Jones Utilities	347.87	+2.47	+.72	+3,86	+29.16
7.273.18	6.211.33	NYSE Composite	7,169,39	+23.18	+.32	-1.11	+9.86
1,437,46	1.150.74	Amex Index	1,449,40	+16.24	+1.13	+1.05	+19.86
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Credit pluses, minuses

NEW YORK - Nothing heats using your credit card when it comes to protection of your pur-

That's something on which financial experts generally agree, whether you're buying groceries naving for items online or making a big nurchase like a car or paying a college tuition bill.

Credit-card transactions are protected under the Fair Credit Billing Act. It's this law that allows you to dispute charges made on your account, including things such as late or unacceptable merchandise, unfulfilled services and even fraud.

But watch out! Your credit-card company may be sending you convenience checks. You write them out exactly like checks from your checking account, except the money is taken from your credit card instead.

These check advances, however, are treated as cash advances and are not protected like regular credit transactions Vou'll notice that on your monthly card statement, only the check number will be listed - not the person or business to whom you wrote it.

Using those cash advance checks can be a financial pain.

Most cash advances carry upfront fees of 2 percent to 4 percent of the amount advanced. In addition, the interest charges which may be more than a credit card's regular interest rate of 18 percent or so - start accumulating as soon as the ATM or cashier has denosited the cash in your hand. Some lenders may even require you to pay off your balance for other purchases before you can begin paying off the higher-interest balance for cash

To find out what you'll really pay for cash advances, check your monthly credit-card statements for the specific fees and other charges associated with cash advances - the law requires card issuers to disclose such information.

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34	TOON		He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Toon-O-Scope "Dee Dee"	Xiaolin Showdown	Teen Titans	Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends	"The Abrafaxe: Un Animated. Three bo	der the Black Flag" ys meet pirates in the	(2001, Adventure)	Evil Con Carne	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	Mucha Lucha
35	ANPL	Animal Icons "Politi bols for political part	ical Animals" Sym-	Dogs of Peace Dog laid in the 1960s.	s detect land mines	White House Pets kept diverse pets th	First families have roughout the years.	Animal Icons "Poli bols for political par		Dogs of Peace Dog laid in the 1960s.	gs detect land mines	King of the Jungle to pull herself togetl brother.	: Pairs Wendy tries ner after losing her
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43	FOX	That '70s Show		The Simpsons (CC)	Seinfeld "The Mae- stro" Jerry tries to rent Italian villa	Cops "Got a Habit Special Edition" (N) (PA) (CC)	Cops (PA) (CC)	America's Most W. Fights Back Police search for the River	highlight their	News	Fox Rox	Mad TV Nicole Rich comic sketches. (N)	
44	BET	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)
46	COURT	I, Detective Murder victim's last mo- ments.	I, Detective Speed- boat maker mur- dered.	Cops Domestic vi- olence; murder in- vestigation. (CC)	Cops Nighttime raid on a suspected drug lab.	Forensic Files Philadelphia detec- tive story.	Forensic Files Forensic psycholo- gist on case.	Psychic Detec- tives Police enlist psychic.	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	The Investigators ' Stolen identities.	The Chameleon"	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justic "Eminem"
48	STR-WLD	Roswell (CC)		Dark Angel (CC)		TNA Wrestling		Survival Test: Dan counters What peo feral animals do to:	ple who encounter	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)	Cops (CC)	The Kumars at No. 42	Goodness Gra- cious Me (CC)
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58	ADV 1	To Be Announced	Into the Unknown	Next Wave	•X Power		Game for It	To Be Announced		Into the Unknown	Adventure Challe		To Be Announced
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60	NICK	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Drake & Josh Brand new driver	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All Grown Up Dil is accused of steal-		All That "Best of Danny Tamberelli"	The Amanda Show Trying to	Full House D.J. plots to buy a	Full House Jesse and Joey write a	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Earth-	The Cosby Show Vanessa discovers

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Evening 6:10 BS Documentary: Rumsfeld and Defense Department 7:10 World Cup Alpine Ski Jumping in Sapporo: Large Hill — Individual

9:10 CNN News 12:10 Alpine Skiing World Championships: Men's Down-hill 1:10 NBA: Houston Rockets vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

3:10 NBA: HOUSTON ROCKETS 3:10 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:10 What's On Japan 5:10 X-Games 2004 5:40 Football Mundial

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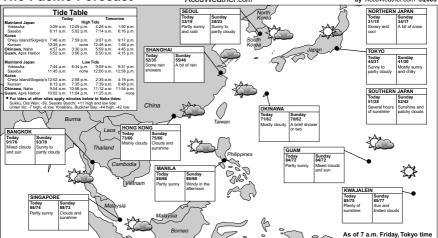
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Extended Forecasts

Tuesday: Rain

high 49, low 43.

Monday: Periods of clouds and high 43, low 34.

KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and high 75, low 66. Tuesday: Thunderstorms. high 73, low 63.

SEOUL

Monday: Snow flurries, high 38, low 26. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 40, low 22

MANILA Monday: Periods of clouds and

high 86, low 68. Tuesday: Partly sunny high 87, low 70.

HAGATNA

Monday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 73. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 74.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	48/26	Los Angeles	77/47
Amarillo	56/28	Little Rock	50/33
Anchorage	10/-3	Louisville	44/29
Asheville	39/28	Miami	79/61
Baltimore	43/30	Milwaukee	42/27
Birmingham	49/32	Nashville	46/32
Bismarck	52/24	New York	40/32
Boise	47/30	Omaha	53/31
Boston	39/32	Orlando	74/54
Brownsville	56/45	Philadelphia	42/32
Buffalo	37/25	Phoenix	69/49
Burlington	37/18	Pittsburgh	39/26
Charleston, St	C 52/35	Portland, OR	56/40
Charlotte	39/30	Portland, ME	37/25
Cleveland	34/25	Salt Lake City	46/25
Columbus, Oh	1 39/26	St. Louis	47/34
Duluth	44/28	San Antonio	57/38
El Paso	50/32	San Diego	77/52
Hartford	38/25	San Juan	78/68
Helena	54/23	Tampa	74/54
Indianapolis	43/28	Tulsa	53/33
Jacksonville	63/40	Washington, D	C 41/30
Kansas City	56/34	Wichita	54/33



Shown is noon position of precipitation. Forecats highs/lo ws are for selected cities

U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system moving northeastward out of Mexico will bring rain to Texas Saturday with rain and mountain snow showers forming across New Mexico and eastern Arizona. This system will move into the Mississippi Valley Sunday. The rest of the Southwest will remain dry under some sunshine. Meanwhile, flurries will fly across the Montana and Idaho mountains in the wake of a cold frontsome rain showers will dampen coastal Washington. The cold front will be associated with a storm system riding along the North Dakota/Canada border, which will spread a bit of snow into northern Minnesota, An area of high pressure will provide dry weather for the remainder of the nation.

	Satur	day's Pacif	ic Tempera	atures				Saturday	's Wor	1d Tempe	erature	5	
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/76	lwakuni	49/34	Sasebo NB	51/39	Acapulco	89/72	Budapest	26/19	Kabul	37/11	Nairobi	87/56
Beijing	28/15	Kadena AB	71/62	Sapporo	31/19	Athens	39/27	Buenos Aires	88/72	Kiev	19/8	New Delhi	61/34
Camp Casey	33/18	Kunsan AB	39/26	Seoul	33/19	Auckland	75/61	Cairo	65/41	Kuwait	68/47	Oslo	36/23
Christchurch	77/61	Kwajalein	85/75	Shanghai	52/35	Baghdad	61/36	Cancun	75/63	London	43/35	Paris	39/29
Diego Garcia	84/77	Manila	86/68	Singapore	88/74	Barbados	88/70	Cape Town	87/69	Madrid	44/32	Rio de Janeiro	78/65
Hagatna	84/72	Misawa AB	30/14	Sydney	79/64	Barcelona	46/32	Geneva	39/30	Mexico City	70/46	Rome	44/30
Hanoi	78/67	Osan	35/18	Taegu	45/28	Berlin	35/26	Istanbul	37/24	Montreal	37/20	St. Petersburg	18/16
Hong Kong	73/66	Perth	88/60	Taipei	78/62	Bermuda	70/60	Jerusalem	50/46	Mogadishu	93/79	Stockholm	38/27
Honolulu	82/68	Pusan	46/32	Tokyo	44/31	Brussels	44/30	Johannesburg	80/58	Moscow	17/8	Warsaw	26/17



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Boys admit plan

CA SACRAMENTO — Two 16-year-old boys admitted they planned a racially motivated Columbine-style massacre of their fellow high-school students in a plea deal that sends them to the county Boys Ranch for no longer

than a year. The deal, which was opposed by the prosecutor and the mother of one of the black students targeted, means the teens could be

free in as little as four months. "What message is this sending to other kids?" said the mother of one of the students targeted. am happy my child is alive, but there needs to be more account-

ability. Equipped with hand-drawn maps of the Laguna Creek High School cafeteria, the two then-15-year-olds planned to set off bombs and then gun down students as they ran from the explosions, court records show.

The boys were arrested in early February last year after one of their friends went to police. The two had not acted on their plans, but they had attempted to burglarize a sporting goods store that had firearms

Supplying volunteers

MI EAST LANSING — Michigan State University is ninth-highest in the country this year of schools supplying volunteers to the Peace Corps, with 74 alumni serving as overseas volunteers, the Peace Corps says. Since 1961, Michigan State has produced about 2,000 volunteers

Deputy AG robbed

TAMPA — A deputy to state Attorney General Charlie Crist was beaten and robbed after calling two escorts to his Tampa hotel room, police

Authorities said Deputy Attorney General John Rimes, 54, was in town on business and was staying at the Hilton, "Mr. Rimes had called an escort service around 10:30 at night," said police spokes woman Laura McElroy.

She said two women came to his hotel room. "A short time later, there was a knock at the door." McElrov said. "He looked through the peephole and saw a well-dressed man."

She said Rimes, who works out of the attorney general's Tallahas see office, opened the door and immediately was pepper-sprayed and punched in the head several times. She said the man and the two escorts then stole about \$500 from Rimes and fled.

New high school opens

PA WARRINGTON — Class-es opened for students at the new Central Bucks High School South. Nearly 1,600 students had been crammed into two other Bucks County high schools while the new building was going up. It cost about \$83 million

Men trading spaces

KS TAMPA — All Jim Clemmer and Jim Allen have in common is that they both call Tampa home.

Clemmer lives in Tampa, Kan., while Allen lives in a suburb of Tampa, Fla. Next month, the two men will trade places and discov-

"Rightly wrongly, first impressions make a difference," headmaster John Dog-gett said. "Certainly. when you go outside of the Boston region, the first impression sometimes doesn't convey what the school is all about."

Some alumni think it's a dumb idea.

"It's a horrible move said Thomas Driscoll of Swampscott, a 1978 graduate and football co-captain who is now the Essex County Clerk of Courts. "Governor Dummer has such tradition. That's what troubles me about this. ... The name is very special?

The school decided to change the name in December after about 2½ years of discussion. The Board of Trustees, which includes parents and alumni, will vote on a new name in May

Jury awards \$15.6M

CA GLENDALE — A jury has awarded \$15.6 million to a man whose image was used for years without his permission on Taster's Choice coffee labels.

Russell Christoff, a former model from Northern California, posed for a two-hour Nestle photo shoot in 1986 but figured it was a - until he stumbled across his likeness on a coffee jar while shopping at a drug store in 2002.

A legal dispute with Nestle USA ensued during which Christoff, 58, declined the company's \$100,000 settlement offer, and Nestle USA turned down his offer to to settle for \$8.5 million.

Last week, a Los Angeles County Superior Court jury ordered Nestle USA to pay Christoff \$15.6 million for using his likeness without his permission and profiting from it. The award includes 5 percent of the Glendale-based company's profit from Taster's Choice sales from 1997 to 2003

During that time. Nestle sold the freeze-dried coffee with labels featuring Christoff's face in the United States Mexico South Korea, Japan, Israel and Kuwait. The company's Canadian arm started using his image in 1986.

Static over noise plan

NY NEW YORK — At a hear-ing on a proposal to quiet down the Big Apple, Mister Softee had a frosty response.

James Conway Jr., whose fa ther started what is now one of the world's largest mobile purveyors of soft-serve ice cream, said such a plan would silence his trucks' familiar jingle and freeze profits.

"The way you knew Mister Soft-ee was in the neighborhood was the song. So without the jingle, our sales will plummet," Conway said at a City Council hearing.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is trying to revise the Noise Code in response to what has long been the No. 1 complaint of New York residents: The city's too loud

At the hearing, the proposed revisions ran into a virtual wall of sound: Nightclub owners were displeased about the prospect of having to turn down their music, restaurateurs were worried that their air conditioners would be too loud and construction workers said they should be able to continue to pile drive and jackhammer at will.



Golfers at Pacific Grove Municipal Golfing on the coast Golf Course in Pacific Grove Calif., tee off as huge waves crash along the rocks Tuesday.



Central Columbia's Joey Scheno Off to a great start dives off the block at the start of the boy's 200 IM race during a home meet against Danville on Tuesday in Lime Ridge, Pa. Scheno would finish the race in first place with a time of 2:07 56

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er the "other" Tampa. The visits were arranged as part of a contest sponsored by a Tampa, Fla., radio

station Neither man really knows what

to expect on his visit. don't know what we'll be doing," Clemmer said of the trip he and his wife. Marv. will make to Florida. "All I know is it ain't

gonna cost anything."
For his part, Allen said the idea of spending a weekend in a "small, rural Kansas town" was "intriguing" intriguing:

Allen, of Brandon, Fla., won the radio contest by picking the win-ning slogan for Tampa, Fla. — "Paradise Under Construction." Clemmer was chosen to go to

Florida because he is mayor of Tampa, Kan. Jack Harris co-host of the sta-

tion that sponsored the contest. said his stations received several entries because some Floridians want to see what life in small-town Kansas is like.

A smarter school

MA NEWBURY — The 18th century boarding school in this town — Governor Dum mer Academy - wants to change its name to prevent any smart guys from making jokes about it. Headmaster John Doggett said

the "Dummer" name can make a poor first impression on prospective students and their parents, even though it's simply the surname of Massachusetts Gov. William Dummer, who donated land to start the school.



City reflected The Empire State Building is

reflected between pieces of ice in the Hudson River on the West side of Manhattan on Tuesday in New York. Several weeks of extremely cold temperatures are finally moderating this week.



A Scottville Elementary School student waits for a ball to drop through Chute! It's just fun! the opening in the top of a parachute being floated over his head by a group of classmates and parents during an activity night exercise Tuesday night at West Shore Commi College near Ludington, Mich.



A man prepares to move Carousel being restored two antique carousel horse after a news conference at the Little Rock, Ark., Zoo. Pat Chapman of Boca Raton, Fla., an owner of 2004 Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones, donated \$10,000 to rehabilitate a carousel horse that will carry Smarty Jones' name when the 80-year-old carousel is restored.



Hoping for a hoop J.R. Mason, 18, takes advantage of the nice weather to shoot some hoops late Tuesday in Burlington.



Derby, Kan., sixth-graders, from left, Andrew Freeman, Alex Turtle tales to take home Bush and Matthew Kelzenberg get up close with a western Kansas painted turtle. It was part of the JASON Project's study of the Louisiana wetlands at Wichita State University's Hughes Metropolitan Complex in Wichita, Kan. The JASON Project is a multi-media science and technology program for students nationwide, founded by oceanographer Robert Ballard and named by the Greek mythology character who sailed the seas with his Argonauts in search of the Golden Fleece.

No release for woman

CA SAN RAFAEL — Fried-erike Kruse claimed to be driven by a supernatural force when she butchered a woman in 1990, screaming, "I am the devil." as police arrested her.

But the former follower of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who has spent the last 14 years at Napa State Hospital, sat stoically in a courtroom as a prosecutor and defense lawyer sparred over whether she is still a danger to the community.

Judge John Stephen Graham of Marin County Superior Court praised Kruse, 55, for her pleasant demeanor and cooperative testimony, but denied her petition to enroll in a San Francisco outpatient program.

In doing so, he rejected the recommendations of the state Department of Mental Health.

The judge, who has held hearings into Kruse's mental state since Sentember, said it would not be prudent to transfer her from the state mental hospital to a group home in San Francisco.

Relief aid questioned

NC ASHEVILLE — Rep. eral officials to explain why eastern North Carolina got most of the \$20 million for Hurricane Frances relief when most of the damage was in western counties Taylor said in a letter to FEMA that he'll go to the General Accounting Office or ask for a formal investigation if he doesn't get a satisfactory response.

Did son aid in death?

TX HOUSTON — Authorities scheduled an autopsy Monday to determine whether a man removed a pacemaker from his 85-year-old mother's chest before or after she died.

Ann Hunt Donaldson's death was reported about 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Authorities who arrived at her ome initially thought she died from natural causes, Harris County Sheriff's Lt. Danny Billingsley said

But emergency workers noticed a cut on her chest.

Billingsley said the woman's son, James Donaldson, told detectives he removed the pacemaker after his mother died of natural causes.

"His excuse for doing it is there had been this ongoing problem, I guess you could say dispute, with the insurance companies and doc-tors since 1995," Billingsley said.

James Donaldson, 59, was charged with tampering with evidence and remains in custody at Harris County Jail. It was unclear if he had an attorney yet.

Detectives asked him to produce the pacemaker, but he didn't turn it over.

Store must pay \$9M

FL ST. PETERSBURG — Dil-lard's department stores must pay at least \$9.4 million to a girl who lost three fingers when ner hand got stuck in an escalator, a jury ruled Tuesday.

Attorneys for Kerriana Johnson, now 7, said Dillard's managers knew the escalator was dangerous and set up a sham company to make it appear to regula-

tors that the escalators were being maintained.

Kerriana, who was 5 at the time, lost her fingers as she tried to free her stuck shoe from the escalator during a shopping trip with her mother and two siblings Jurors learned that more than 80 neonle had gotten shoes or clothing caught in the down escalator at the Tyrone Square Mall store since 1998.

Dillard's attorneys acknowledged some fault for the escalator, but argued the accident happened because the girl's mother was not supervising her properly.

The award covers medical ex-penses, pain and suffering, and could go even higher after the jury considers punitive damages. The girl's family is seeking at least \$35.8 million.

Long-distance learning

INDIANAPOLIS — An estimated 28,000 Indiana students took college classes through the Internet, cable and DVD in the 2003-04 school year, state educators said. The state's seven public universities and three private colleges offer courses through what is known as distance learning.

Man sentenced to death

HARTFORD — Eduardo CT HARIFORD Santiago Jr., 25, was sentenced to death by lethal injection after being convicted of shooting a man in exchange for a broken snowmobile. Santiago apologized for being involved in the December 2000 murder of Joseph Niwinski, whom he shot in the head as he

Baxley leads for '06

MOBILE — Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley leads former Gov. Don Siegelman for the 2006 Democratic gubernatorial nomination according to a Mobile Register-University of South Alabama poll of 400 likely Democratic voters. It found Baxley supported by 45 percent, Siegelman by 31 per-

Boy charged with assault

MILWAUKEE — A 12-year-old boy has been charged with sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl in a YMCA.

A delinquency petition filed in Milwaukee County Children's Court said a manager looked at a security monitor and noticed the

alleged assault taking place. The manager ran to the weight room and saw the boy pulling up his shorts, the netition said.

The girl said the boy hit her pushed her down, kicked her, pulled at her pants and choked her with her scarf, according to the netition

Most of the seven-minute encounter between the unsupervised children was videotaped by security cameras.

The boy appeared Monday be-fore a Children's Court judge on one count of first-degree sexual assault of a child, exposing his genitals, battery and two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior.

If found delinquent, he could be sent to a juvenile institution for up to two years, and the orders could be renewed until be turns 18.

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Three battles in Iraq

I am coming to an end of my tour at Lo gistics Support Area Anaconda, and want to share my thoughts on some observations I have made. I see three battles being

fought in the theater. An external battle: an insurgency and terrorist attacks against Americans in many parts of the world. We are united; one county, one nation. United we will win.

An internal battle: A Marine asked me "I have killed a human being; am I a bad person? Will God forgive me?" An airman person? Will God forgive me?" An airman asked me, "Are we doing the right thing?" A soldier asked me, "My buddy is dead. Will it be all in vain?" These battles will go on in our hearts, minds and souls. The victory is a self-victory depending on religious beliefs, cultural roots, family background, personal experience, professional norms, organizational values and political bias

It is the third battle that I have issues with. For the last 5,000 years, the history of Iraq has proved the futility of this battle When a brother kills another brother, only the external forces win. It is the inter-inter battle we fight every day. It is the battle when we fight with our own. It is the battle of ego, the battle of turf, the battle of position, the battle for control, the battle of denial and it goes on. It is the weakest link in the path to victory. It saps our energy and kens our roots.

We are all Americans first. All of us ought to carry each one of us forward to victory rather than leave someone behind That should be our conviction; that should be our lesson from history.

Dr. (Col.) Sarla Sauiani Balad air base, Iraa

Women not ready for infantry

This in reference to the Jan. 27 letter "Women would not slack off" about whether women belong in the infantry. I have been in the infantry since 1989, and have been in Iraq, Bosnia and Kosovo. I've seen many women in their support roles, and even then I've seen them cry and whimper about some things, such as wanting to carry an M-9 pistol over an M-16 because the rifle was too heavy, or

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their needing help with their 50-pound rucksack because of the weight.

This is not "women bashing." It's just a

fact. I would welcome into the infantry any woman who can carry her own weight. That means 10- to-15-kilometer patrols at night on foot, not by vehicle, carrying 100 pounds of equipment. And for those in the airborne, add 50 pounds of main and reserve parachute.

I was also kind of disturbed by the letter writer's comments regarding the whole birth-control-in-the-field state-ment, for accidental pregnancies. What kind of activities, other than the infantry missions, should be going on in the first place?

As far as physical training standards, I know there are some women in our Army who can excel in physical standards more than men, but how long can their stamina last? Yes, even men "burn out," but it is my opinion that female soldiers have a long way to go before they come close to comparing themselves to the true backbone of the Army: the infantryman. William R. Lincks II

Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

Abu Ghraib not real 'torture'

I am sick and tired of hearing about the so-called "torture" that occurred at Abu Gh-raib prison. Those detainees weren't put through anything that someone going through Survive, Evade, Rescue and Escape training hasn't gone through themselves. Sleep deprivation, standing for long hours, control of diet, humiliation and uncomfortable positions are all ways to weaken the determined resistance of a hardened foe. These techniques are nothing compared to the true torture used on U.S. troops in every conflict against tyranny in modern history.

The detainees have vital battlefield intelligence that needs to be forwarded to combat commanders as soon as possible to prevent further casualties. I fully support the decisions by the intelligence officers and prison guards to conduct interrogations in this manner if it prevents even one casualty of a U.S. or coalition troop. It is really too bad that the U.S. government has to catch flak from a liberal international media that obviously sup-ports the "rights" of terrorists over the protection of our military personnel. Those troops only made one mistake, and

that was to believe that their commanders would support them when the chips were down. Shame on them. I only hope that Stars and Stripes is bold enough to print an opposing point of view Staff Sgt. James Scott

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Give Prince Harry a break

I find the whole hullabaloo over Prince Harry's appearance in a Nazi uniform at a costume party to be ludicrous. Many of those protesting it are, in my opinion, doing so to blow horns for their own causes and or ganizations. Every Halloween, kids (and adults) all around the United States and Europe dress up as witches, knights, ghosts and various monsters. How many of these 'ne'er-do-wells" are accused of sponsoring or supporting witchcraft, monarchist, undead or ghoulish causes?

Prince Harry wore a costume - he never said it was anything else. He was at a costume party, not a Nazi rally. Give the man a hreak

Jeff Smith Hohenfels, Germany

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J Horoscope

The Capricorn moon helps prepare us emotionally for the upcoming shift of Mars into this serious-minded sign. It's a productive weekend if you count the planning stage of a project as being productive - and you should! Most projects are made or broken in the planning stage. Whimsical Aquarius energy weighs in heavily

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 5). The glimpse of good fortune you get in the next three weeks is only a preview of all that is to come this year. It's such an abundance, you'll probably feel guilty about accepting it. Don't! You can do good in the world by graciously receiving gifts and developing a solid plan before using them. Sagittarius and Scorpio are romantic

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

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Demonstrate the depth of your emotion, or loved ones may mistakenly think that you don't care. Dare to act slightly out of character. I over and new relationships are found around activities that are novel, odd

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The close proximity of motivated

people makes you work harder than ever for your goal. Someone may try and coerce you into endorsing something you don't believe in, so

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're in a position to take a stand, and many will listen — you've got the presence and poise, as well as an interesting take on the same old message. Due to your new social status, a romance develops at lightning speed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The tendency to think against yourself is prominent. It's one thing to see your problems from a different angle and quite another to constantly criticize yourself. Resolve to be positive and regain control of your thoughts

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a French law forbidding the use of

Peanuts

English phrases for what could aptly be said in French. You'll feel a bit of that spirit today as you try to preserve the special "language" you share with a loved one

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Holiday Mathis

Your body is a classroom now as you learn about yourself through the pursuit of health and vigorous activities. Both physical ailments and physical endowments have spiritual and mental causes. Consider what vours may be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Social graces help you move your fondest projects

forward. Letting someone else be the star is called for. If you give a compliment, be sure not to follow it up with a suggestion, request or criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The quest for mental stimulation is on. Your commentary on political, artistic or intellectual matters is met with an equal and opposite opinion. You might fall in love with someone who has the guts to debate you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hearing that you might have some competition will really get you on the ball. A romantic encounter turns into an adventure. Travel is indicated — there's no telling where new friends can lead you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You get the creeping feeling you were supposed to do something or you should be somewhere you're not, It's a sign to flee the scene Once in motion, you'll figure out

where to go next. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may observe human behavior

around you that is less about common sense and more about money Your integrity could be experienced as a threat to some people, but stand firm in your beliefs

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Managing your vices and virtues is a balancing act, and today, you gather a small audience to stare in wonder

- will you pull it off? Yes, but some thing must drop - preferably a bad habit, not a good one

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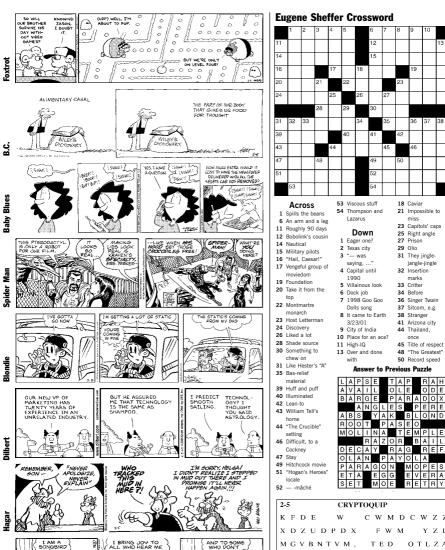








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Dear Abby

Sleeping situation creates rift

"Bobby," and his girlfriend, " had a baby two weeks ago. Bobby lives with us and Claire lives with her parents, although they hope to get a place together soon.

Bobby and Claire are having a problem deciding on where to sleen They each want to be with their family They were going to alternate one night at each house, but Claire's mom said it wouldn't be good for the baby, as the baby needs a regular place to live. Is it bad for a newborn to switch beds?

Both houses are equipped with all the baby things the little one needs

What can I do to help them resolve their issues without hurting anyone's feelings?

My son wants to be in Claire's and the baby's lives. I just don't know how to help him.

Dear Wants to Help: The big

gest favor you could do for Bobby and Claire would be to encour age both of them to complete their education before moving anywhere

The fact that your son and his

girlfriend can't decide which house to sleep in should be a clue that neither he nor she is mature enough to be moving out on their

Dear Abby: I recently left my husband of 14 years, "Derrick." Now all of the people I

thought were my friends will no longer associate with me. Derrick and I were very good at pretending, so everyone thought we had a great marriage.

Now that I have moved out. they all think I just decided one morning that I no longer wanted to be married. What they do

me and put me through 12 years of emotional and verbal abuse

During one of the marriage counseling sessions I mentioned the rape, and he turned to me and said, "That was 12 years ago. Get over it.'

That was when I decided to file for divorce

Should I go to my friends and explain it to them, or just find

new friends?

- Lonely in Wichita

Dear Lonely: If it will make vou feel better, go to your friends and explain the truth.

However, if they were truly your friends they would already be supporting you - and, in my opinion, you would be better off

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Find friend to handle funeral plans

Dear Annie: I am an Annie's Mailbox elderly bachelor and I have one sister so I asked her to take care of my funeral arrangements when I go. I stressed repeatedly that that is all I want her to do. I set up arrangements to pay for everything.

Since then, my sister repeatedly has done everything I have asked her not to do. She has taken it upon herself to sign for my mail and call my doctors without asking. She criticizes my friends and other family mem bers, and is rude, arrogant, controlling and greedy. Her own children won't talk to her

I am totally capable of looking after myself. I thought that she had changed after all these years, but I was wrong. I have tried talking to her, but nothing sinks in. Consequently, I am going to have to change all the arrangements I made regarding the funeral, will, etc., which I hate to do, but I guess I have no



choice. My sister is driving me up the wall. What do you think I

- Sam in Fargo, N.D. Dear Sam: Do you have a close friend, perhaps a lawyer or a hanker who can take care of these details for you? If so, arrange it and inform your busybody sister that she will no longer be troubled

with these issues because vou have removed her from the process. This may be extra work for you, but it will be worth it. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I read with great interest the letter from "Tired of Breathing Through My Mouth, who said his wife emitted an unusual scent. Consulting her physician was excellent advice, but the odor could be from a change in laundry detergent or fabric softener.

My father was an immaculate man but started smelling very strange

After some detective work, we

found out that my mother had changed from her regular fabric softener to a cheaper one. It seems that his natural body scent, combined with the new softener, was worse than a skunk in a patch of stinkweed. After rewashing his entire wardrobe Dad was back to his sweet-smelling self.

Cheap Isn't Everything Dear Cheap: Thanks for the suggestion. Here is another: From Diamondhead, Miss.: I'm a retired chemist and can tell him his wife's odor is probably from her hairspray, mousse or makeup. I've noticed a similar smell on my wife and several other women in elevators and in church As a test his wife should wash her hair thoroughly and not put anything in it for a couple of

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 North Carolina (17-2) did not play. Next: s. North Carolina State, Thursday.
 3. Kansas (17-1) did not play. Next: at Ne-braska, Saturday.
 Juke (16-2) lost to No. 7 Wake Forest 92-99. Next: vs. No. 25 Georgia Tech, Satur-

Jay. 5. Boston College (19-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday.

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6. Kentucky (16-2) did not play, Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
7. Wake Forest (18-3) beat No. 4 Duke 92-89. Next: at Virginia Tech, Saturday.
8. Syracuse (20-2) did not play, Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday, Virginia No. 4 Did No. 18 Cincinnati 77-70. Next: at Alabama-Birmingham, Saturday.

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17. Gonzaga (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. St. Mary's, Calif., Thursday.

18. Cincinnati (17-4) lost to No. 9 Louisville 77-70. Next: at Charlotte, Saturday. 19. Wisconsin (15-4) beat Northwestern 73-58. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday. 20. Texas (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.

21. Utah (18-3) did not play. Next: at San Diego State, Saturday. 22. Maryland (13-6) did not play. Next: at Miami Saturday ticut (13-5) heat No. 24 Villano 23. Connecticut (13-5) beat No. 24 Villano-va 81-76. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday. 24. Villanova (12-5) lost to No. 23 Connecti-cut 81-76. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday. 25. Georgia Tech (13-6) beat Florida State 64-61. Next: at No. 4 Duke, Saturday.

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New Jersey	19	27	.413	3
Toronto	19	27	.413	3
New York		27	.400	31/2
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Miami	33	14	.702	-
Washington	26	18	.591	51/2
Orlando	25	20	.556	7
Charlotte	10	32	.238	201/2
Atlanta	9	35	.205	221/2
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Raptors guard Jalen Rose is fouled by Pacers guard Stephen Jackson as he shoots during the first quarter. Rose drew a foul on Jackson with less than a second left in the game and hit the winning free throws.

Rose gets first win as visitor in Indiana by hitting late FTs

Jalen Rose got the opening he needed to beat his old team. Using high-scoring teammate

Chris Bosh as a decoy, the former Indiana guard drew a foul on Stephen Jackson and hit two free throws with 0.4 seconds left to give the Toronto Raptors a 98-97

road victory Wednesday night. "We had a back-nick for Chris He got all the attention." Rose "That made Steve react to Chris. I tried to use his momentum against him and draw a foul Fortunately for me, I drew the foul and made the free throws."

Indiana blew a 19-point lead in the third quarter en route to its sixth straight loss, the Pacers longest losing streak in two years "All we can do is keep playing

Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal said. "We can't get happy when we have big leads, ... We have to finish strong

Rose, who spent 51/2 seasons with the Pacers, finished with 22 points in his first victory in Indiana since he was traded to Chicago three years ago.

Rose drew the foul on Jackson after Indiana's Jeff Foster made two free throws with 1.9 seconds remaining to give the Pacers a 97-96 lead.

"We knew those guys were going to contest the shot. That's why we wanted to get the ball in Jalen's hands," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said, "Jalen just made a smart play. He understood he had plenty of time. That's why the veterans are on the court. They understand time management and the shot clock.

Bosh led Toronto with 25 points and 15 rebounds. He made a career-high 15 free throws in 17 attempts, and also had a ca-



reer-high nine offensive rebounds.

"I'm smiling because I scored a lot by not taking a lot of shots, Bosh said. "Nothing fancy. Just take good shots and make free throws, that's it."

Milt Palacio added 13 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Raptors.

Jackson led Indiana with 18 points, but missed his final six shots. Foster added 16 points and 12 rebounds, and O'Neal had 15 points before fouling out.

"It's a disappointing loss There's not much else I can sav." Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said.

Rockets 118, 76ers 95: Tracy McGrady made five three-pointers and finished with 34 points and nine assists for visiting Houston.

Juwan Howard added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets. NBA scoring leader Allen Iver-

son scored 15 of his 28 points in the first quarter for Philadelphia. Combined with Boston's victory over New Jersey, the 76ers fell a half-game behind the first-place Celtics in the Atlantic Division.

Kings 111, Warriors 107 (OT): Brad Miller scored four of his career-high 38 points in the final 10.8 seconds of overtime, and visiting Sacramento overcame the absence of injured start. ers Chris Webber, Peia Stoiakov-

ic and Cuttino Mobley.

Miller also had 17 rebounds. and Mike Bibby added 17 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds. Jason Richardson scored 37

for the 15th time in 16 games.

Suns 108, Timberwolves 79: Amare Stoudemire scored points to help Phoenix hand Minnesota its fourth-largest home

loss in franchise history. Shawn Marion had 19 points. Quentin Richardson added 17 and Steve Nash had 15 points and 11 assists for Phoenix, 5-1 on its a

six-game trip. Wally Szczerbiak scored 16 points for Minnesota. Kevin Gar-

nett scored a season-low 12 points and had 13 rebounds. Celtics 110. Nets 89: At Bos-

ton, Paul Pierce had 28 points, 10 rehounds and 10 assists for his fifth career triple-double, and Raef LaFrentz added 21 points and eight rebounds for Boston. Pierce had 14 points and four

assists in the third quarter to help the Celtics, 4-2 in their past six games, open an 87-58 lead with 1:35 left in the quarter.

Jason Kidd had 25 points for

New Jersey.

Pistons 99. Hawks 84: At Auburn Hills, Mich., Chauncey Bil-lups scored 27 points, and Richard Hamilton had 21 to help De-

troit win its fifth straight. Tayshaun Prince added 17 points, Antonio McDyess had 12 and Ben Wallace finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons.

Tony Delk led Atlanta with 20, two short of his season best.

Mavericks 90, Hornets 82: Dirk Nowitzki scored 20 points on an off-shooting night, and Jerry Stackhouse added 19 points to lead visiting Dallas.

Nowitzki, who has been playing through cold symptoms, was 7-for-21 from the field.

Former Dallas guard Dan Dickan led the Hornets with 18 points.

Tomjanovich steps down,

says he won't coach again Lakers would consider Jackson's return

The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. - Rudy Tomjanovich feels good about what the Los Angeles Lakers accomplished during his brief tenure as coach.

Problem is, he was unable to enjoy it while it was happening especially in the past month when the stress of his job really got to

Tomjanovich resigned Sc Wednesday, vowing he'll never coach again.

"I was so proud of what we did This isn't about that kind of stuff," Tomjanovich said at a news conference. "I looked at what we did and at times, I thought it was miraculous.

"A month ago, I became conscious of not feeling good. It just seemed like I got deeper and deeper into not feeling good. Why this happened now and why my body couldn't take it now, I do not have the answer.

"All I was thinking about was how to win the next damn game. I couldn't shut it off when I was away from the arena. It just kept wearing on me and wearing on me and my resistance got low and it hurt my health."

Tomjanovich went 24-19 as Phil Jackson's successor, with a revamped lineup built around Kobe Bryant. The Lakers' superstar guard has been sidelined the past nine games with a sprained

Included in Tomjanovich's record are the two wins the Lakers earned under assistant Frank Hamblen in games Tomianovich missed this week because of a stomach virus

Tomjanovich, 56, will remain with the Lakers as a consultant mainly working as a scout.

"We respect Rudy's concerns for his health, which is of course the paramount issue," team owner Dr. Jerry Buss said in a statement.

Kupchak said Hamblen would stay on indefinitely as coach of the Lakers, but didn't rule out the

return of Jackson The 57-year-old Hamblen, a career assistant will "be our coach going forward." Kupchak said. Whether that changes in the next month, three months, a year, remains to be seen

Kupchak acknowledged that Jackson's name will come up but said he hasn't been in contact with the former Lakers coach. Not yet, at least.

Kupchak also said he didn't believe there was an urgency to hire another coach.

Tomianovich signed a \$30 million, five-year contract last summer to replace Jackson, who left after guiding the Lakers to three NBA championships and a berth in the finals in his five years on the job

Jackson and Russ said at the time that the separation was mu-

Tomjanovich addressed the team in an emotional meeting shortly before speaking to the media, and said the get-together with his players got quite emotion-

"I don't cry a lot. I did in that sit-

uation," he said.
"He just basically came in and poured his heart out to us." Bryant said. "We just wish him the best. He's extremely passionate, emotional. But he's a fighter. To see him down like that, it really hurt and shocked us all."

Naturally, Bryant was asked about Jackson, who wrote a tell-all book released before the

season that portrayed Bryant as "Rudy's situation is a very seri-

ous situation. I can't go from that to talk about successors," Bryant said. "It really doesn't matter to me. I'm just the guy in the mid-I've said that time and time again, I love Phil as a coach.

So will Hamblen, who seems ready to handle whatever comes his way. His only other experience as a head coach came in 1991-92 when he went 23-42 with Milwaukee when Del Harris was sidelined by stomach problems.

"Phil has his lot in life. I have mine," Hamblen said. "Sure, you'd always like to be an NBA head coach. If I owned a team or was in charge, I'd want Phil Jackson also. He's got nine rings. My ego's not that big.

"If it ended tomorrow, I'd say these 36 years have been a great ride It really hasn't sunk in yet about me being the coach of the

Hamblen's first game in that capacity comes Thursday night, when the Lakers try to extend their winning streak to a season-high three games against the record is the best in the NRA

The Lakers then begin five-game road trip Sunday at

Bryant said he hopes to play sometime during the trip

"I think this is the best decision for me and the Lakers. Tomianovich said. "I know I did become consumed and maybe - I can't re-member exactly how I was before - but I'd go for a walk and think that was an outlet. But all I thought about was baskethall

while I was walking.
"Maybe I'm an old general that needs to get his butt off the front line and do something else.

Tomjanovich did a good job of keeping his problems from his

players.
"We didn't see it coming,"
Chucky Atkins said. "He was able to hide it pretty well. I'm going to miss him

Said Brian Grant: "When you

leave the building, you're sup-posed to leave things here. He couldn't do that. It can make you sick, it really can.



Blazers forward Theo Ratliff goes up to defend Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony during the third quarter. Anthony was held to seven points.

Portland singles out Anthony, tops Denver

BY ANNE M. PETERSON The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Ruben Patterson got a lot of satisfaction limiting high-scoring Carmelo Anthony to just seven points

Patterson was all over Anthony in Portland's 97-94 victory over Denver on Wednesday night, holding him to single digits for just the sixth time in his career.

"I think I got my job done," said a smiling Patterson, who has been putting emphasis on his de-

fense as well as his offense Patterson got a lot of help from Theo Ratliff and Joel Przybilla.

"It was hard. If I beat Ruben. then it was Theo. And if I beat him, then it was Przybilla com-ing," Anthony said. "So they were making it hard for me.'

Nick Van Exel scored 26 points and Damon Stoudamire added 17 points and 10 assists to help the Trail Blazers win for the third time in five games after a six-game losing streak. Portland also snapped new Denver coach George Karl's three-game win-

"You want to win them all, but if you'd told me when I started we'd be 3-1 I probably would have given you a lot of money,' Karl said.

ning streak

Then he turned serious: "We need to stay focused now. We can't have a lull."

Rookie Sebastian Telfair hit a three-pointer and Darius Miles in his first game back after a two-game suspension - had a

dunk off Stoudamire's jumper to give the Trail Blazers an 81-76 lead midway through the final pe-

After Van Exel made a three-pointer with 2 minutes left, Patterson's tin-in made it 89-83 for Portland, and the game slipped away from the Nuggets.

Miles was suspended by the Blazers for insubordination and conduct detrimental to the team. He entered the game early in the second quarter to a smattering of boos from the Rose Garden

Miles' suspension came after he blew up at coach Maurice Cheeks during a practice session last week. Miles later released an apology to fans, but conspicuously did not include Cheeks.

Miles said he stood by his statement. As for his relationship now with Cheeks, he said, "We're cool, he's a good man.' Stoudamire said he hoped

Miles learned from the incident. "I think we can get through it, but we need people to grow up. Stoudamire said.

Andre Miller had 27 points and nine assists for the Nuggets

The Trail Blazers held Anthony scoreless in the first half.

Anthony was 0-for-6 from the floor in the half, and 3-for-14 for

the game. You've got to give a lot of cred-

it to Ruben. . . . People don't realize how well he's playing defensively," Przybilla said. "He shuts down every small forward when he's on the court. As a team we re-

Thomas won't leave Knicks for Lakers

NEW YORK - Isiah Thomas took himself out of the running for the Los Angeles Lakers' coaching job, issuing a statement Wednesday saying he was committed to remaining in his current position as president of the New York Knicks. The Lakers' job opened up when Rudy Tomjanov-

ich resigned, citing health issues, and Thomas name was floated as a possible candidate to be the eventual successor Thomas has maintained he would like to return to

coaching some day, although he has ruled out being both coach and president of the Knicks. New York has lost 14 of its past 16 games to drop

from first to fourth place in the Atlantic Division. Th omas made a coaching change a week and a half ago, replacing Lenny Wilkens with Herb Williams.

"All my focus is going into rebuilding this franchise, and any innuendo that I would leave my position because of the difficult stretch the team is currently going through is incorrect," said Thomas,

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who is on a scouting trip in Europe "I have a duty to the organiza

tion, to our ownership and to our fans to find ways, both short and long term, to return the Knickerbockers to a championship caliber team, and I am steadfast in that commitment."

Murphy goes on Warriors' injured list OAKLAND, Calif. - Forward Troy Murphy went

on the Golden State Warriors' injured list Wednesday with a broken left thumb

The Warriors activated Zarko Cabarkana from the injured list to fill the roster spot of Murphy, who was hurt in Friday night's loss to Seattle. Murphy missed Saturday's game against the Los Angeles Clippers, and the team isn't sure how long he will be

Murphy has averaged 16.2 points in 42 games this season, and he ranks fourth in the NBA with 11.2 rebounds per game.

A devil of a game

Demon Deacons just manage to hold off Blue Devils

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM. N.C. Taron Downey knows all too well what it's like to be at the free-throw line with a victory hanging in the balance.

was there last month against Florida State, when his missed free throw cost Wake Forest a win.

This time he made both with 2 seconds to play to help the seventh-ranked Demon Deacons hang on for a 92-89 victory over Duke on Wednesday night. "I thought about Florida State.

I'm not going to lie," Downey "I just stood up there and said 'Please don't let them be short, let them go in.

Wake Forest (18-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) wouldn't have needed Downey's free throws if not for a late flurry of three-pointers by Duke's J.J. Redick.

The Deacons had built a 14-point lead, but Redick chipped into it by making three three-pointers in the final 2:14 and Sean Dockery also hit one as Duke (16-2 6-2) cut it to 90-89 with 3 seconds to play.

"His desire to win could not have been exemplified in any higher fashion. He was magnifi-cent," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of Redick. "His demeanor was the key to bringing us

After Downey made his free throws, Duke had one last chance, but Redick's off-balance three fell short at the buzzer.



Wake Forest's Chris Paul (3) raises a fist at the end of the Demon Deacons' 92-89 victory over Duke on Wednesday night

"Actually, I thought it was going to bank in for sure," Redick said. "I just left it a little short."

Chris Paul scored 23 points to help Wake Forest improve to 11-0 at home with defeats of North Carolina and now Duke.

"It's not a crazy, unbelievable unset anymore when we heat a North Carolina or a Duke." Paul can beat anyone as long as we just treat them like anyone else."

Eric Williams finished with 19 points and 13 rehounds for Wake Forest, Justin Grav had 16 points and Vytas Danelius had 12.

Redick finished with 33 points and made five three-pointers in 13 attempts. Shelden Williams had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Lee Melchionni scored 13.

Duke came in with a better record and a higher ranking but. aside from victories over Oklahoma and North Carolina State, the Blue Devils have yet to fully nrove themselves this season

A victory at Wake Forest would have been a step in the right direc-

Instead, the Demon Deacons forced 13 turnovers - eight were steals - with five blocks and outrebounded Duke 44-37.

The Blue Devils have been short on depth most of the season because of injuries, and are limiting Shavlik Randolph's playing time as he slowly returns from a with mononucleosis. The bench got even shorter in this one when Daniel Ewing fouled out with 7:22 to play after scoring just five points in 16 minutes.

We need Daniel to play more and better," Krzyzewski said. "I am really surprised that we had an opportunity to win without Daniel

Once Ewing was out, Wake Forest opened a 14-point lead, but Redick pulled the Blue Devils back into it with his late baskets.



Bode Miller makes a turn on one ski during the downhill portion of the men's combined on Thursday in the World Alpine Ski Championships at Bormio, Italy. Despite losing a ski near the top of the course, Miller skied much of the way down on one leg before falling near the bottom.

Austrian wins gold after Miller mishap

BY ANDREW DAMPF The Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy - Austria's Benjamin Raich won the combined in the Alpine World Ski Championships on Thursday, his first victory in a major international meet. Defending champion Bode Miller was eliminated after losing a ski in the downhill.

Raich, the bronze medalist in Saturday's super-G won by Mill-er, was fifth after the opening downhill leg and took the lead with the fastest time in the first of two slalom runs. He concluded the grueling day-long event by coasting to victory with the sev-enth-fastest time in the final slalom leg, run under the lights.

"It was a great day for me," Raich said, "I made a good downhill run and also had decent slalom runs '

Raich's combined time on the Stelvio course was 3 minutes, 19.10 seconds. Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal earned the silver medal, 0.91 seconds behind, and Italy's Giorgio Rocca won the bronze, 0.98 back. Austria's Michael Walchhofer, the leader after the downhill portion, was

Syindal and Rocca had to wait a few minutes to learn where they finished while officials examined tape. They eventually ruled that Kietil Andre Aamodt of Norway straddled a gate midway through his final run. Aamodt was second until being disqualified.

"I wasn't sure if I straddled. I couldn't tell. That's why I continued." Aamodt said.

Raich, winner of 15 races in his World Cup career, won the bronze medal in the combined in

the only World Cup combined race this season, at Wengen, Switzerland. He entered the combined as a co-favorite with Miller. the only skier he trails in the overall World Cun standings Miller's ski loosened just after

he landed a short jump on the top part of the downhill course. To the delight of the fans, the American completed most of the course on one ski, dropping into a tuck position on occasion. He eventually fell to the snow in exhaustion shortly before the finish.
"I felt fine," Miller said. "There
was nothing I could do. The bind-

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Louisville sweeps Cincinnati

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Fresh-man forward Juan Palacios scored 17 points and banked in an unlikely three-pointer to seal No. 9 Louisville's 77-70 victory over No. 18 Cincinnati on Wednesday night in a showdown of Conference USA co-leaders Taquan Dean scored 19 points.

and Palacios shot 8-for-10 with 10 rebounds for the Cardinals (19-3. 7-1 Conference USA), who have won eight in a row and 13 of 14. Eric Hicks matched a career

high with 21 points to lead Cincinnati (17-4, 6-2), which lost both games against Louisville this sea-son and has dropped six of the past 10 in the series No. 10 Oklahoma St. 77, Kan-

sas St. 57: At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Graham scored 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, and John Lucas III had 19 points and 10 assists for Oklahoma

Daniel Bobik had 13 points and a career-high 11 rebounds in his return to the starting lineup, helping the Cowboys (16-3, 6-2 Big 12) extend the longest current home winning streak in the country to 26 games.

No. 14 Oklahoma 69, Texas A&M 65: At Norman, Okla., Taj Gray scored 22 of his 24 points in



the second half and Uklahoma overcame a 16-point deficit. Drew Lavender gave the Soon-

ers (17-3, 6-1 Big 12) the lead for good with a three-pointer from the corner with 5:36 remaining. The Aggies (14-5, 3-5) pulled within two points with just more than a minute remaining, but Gray scored on a layup and Jaison Will iams and Lavender each hit free throws to help Oklahoma hold on.

Terrell Everett scored 20 points for Oklahoma, which rebounded from a surprising loss at Iowa State that snapped a 10-game winning streak

No. 19 Wisconsin 73, Northwestern 58: At Madison, Wis., Kammron Taylor's 18 points led five Wisconsin players in double

Despite the absence of leading scorer Alando Tucker for the second straight game because of a right foot injury, the Badgers (15-4, 6-2 Big Ten) led throughout in their first home game since top-ranked Illinois snapped their 38-game home winning streak

No. 23 Connecticut 81. No.

Conn., Rashad Anderson scored 21 points and a made key block in the closing seconds, leading Connecticut over Villanova. The Huskies (13-5, 5-3 Big

East) got their first victory over a ranked opponent in four tries and snapped Villanova's three-game win streak

That run for the Wildcats (12-5 4-4) included an 83-62 upset of then-No. 2 Kansas. Charlie Villanueva's free throw

with 1:22 left put the Huskies up 73-72. Anderson blocked a shot in the lane by Randy Foye on the Wildcats' next possession, leading to Villanueva's hook shot on the other end for a 75-72 Connecti-

No. 25 Georgia Tech 64, Flori-da St. 61: At Atlanta, Will Bynum made up for a poor first half by hitting a tiebreaking three-pointer with 2.7 seconds left for Georgia Tech (13-6, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), which needed the victory badly after los-

ing four of its previous five. Bynum, who missed seven of eight shots in the opening half, finished with 19 points. He hit the game-winner after Florida State had made up a 12-point deficit by going on a 19-7 run, tying it 61-61 on a three-pointer by Von Wafer with 1:29 remaining.

Glue: Safety leading team by example

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to stay here, you need to listen to me," "Gay said. "I have been listening to him and now I am starting in the Super Bowl. So it has meant a lot to me."

The secondary was New England's biggest question heading into its first playoff game, against the Indianapolis Colts and their record-setting quarterback. Manning was unable to take advantage of them, and the Patriots won 20-3

"It's a great testament to him. He's able to really just go out there and play well regardless of who is next to him," linebacker Don Davis said of Harrison. "He's like, 'Yeah, put him there and then we're going to get it done." "

When he joined the Patriots in 2003, Harrison brought with him a reputation as one of the dirtiest players in the league

But a month later, Harrison had so impressed his teammates that a group asked coach Bill Belichick to make him one of the defensive captains.

Harrison remains one of the most-frequently fined players in



New England Patriots strong safety Rodney Harrison catches his breath during practice in Jacksonville, Fla., on Wednesday.

the NFL, having been docked more than \$350,000 for illegal hits in his career. The letters from NFL discipline czar Gene Washington have become so routine that Harrison doesn't read them; the fines are automatically deducted from his paychecks.

"I don't worry about the money....I'm going to keep play-ing the way I play," Harrison said. "Of course it pays off because they look for you and they know who you are - even though they don't vote for you [for the Pro Bowl] and you don't have many friends around the league.

"But, when you get that respect and you have guys come up to you and tell you, 'I don't like you, but I love the way you play,' that's all you ask for."

Browns donate tickets for big game to Marines

BY MARK LONG The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - As he recovered from a wound in Iraq, Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Berninger figured he would watch the Super Bowl on television and cheer for his New England Patriots



It turns out that he will have a much better seat for the game. The Cleve-

land Browns have donated Super Bowl tickets to 50 U.S. Marines who recently returned from Iraq and Afghani stan or are about to be deployed for active duty in those nations.

"I have never been so surprised and grateful for a gift like this, even on Christmas morn-ing," said Berninger of Martha's said Berninger of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. "I am definitely a New Englander and have never been to a college game or an NFL game, let alone the Super Bowl. I can't wait to go root on my team.

The Browns' donation - Super Bowl tickets are priced at \$500 rines currently serving at Camp Leieune, N.C.: Parris Island, S.C.: Reserve Command in New Or leans and U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla. The donation is an extension of the club's "Hats Off to Our Heroes" program that honors members of the military.

"It was a wonderful act to see an organization that appreciates the contributions these young Marines are making to our country.' said Col. Jim Walker, secretary to the commandant of the Marine Corps. "This will truly be a spe cial event for Marines who otherwise never would have thought about attending a Super Bowl.

The Browns have a special connection to the Corps. Late owner Al Lerner was a first lieutenant in the Marines from 1955-57. The club flies the Marine flag outside its team offices in Berea, Ohio, participates in the "Toys for Tots" program and Marine jets do ceremonial fly-overs as part of pregame festivities during the season.

"This is but a small gesture for some of the men and women of our country who have so selfless-

ly devoted themselves to the ser-vice of our nation," the club said in a statement.

Don't give up your day job

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana, along with other NFL stars, hope to match their football prowess with their singing ability for the Super Bowl.

The current and former players collaborated to sing "Tomorrow" from the Broadway musical "Annie," and the rendition will air as a 60-second commercial during the game.

A similar commercial featuring Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Bill Parcells aired last

Others singing this year in-clude: Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden, Cincinnati coach Marvin Lewis and receiver Chad Johnson, New York Jets running back Curtis Martin, Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair, Dallas safety Roy Williams, Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepand Jacksonville quarterback Byron Leftwich and offensive lineman Ephraim Salaam.

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Smith's long run has finally ended

Cowbovs great formally retires

BY DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith retired Thursday, calling his 15-year career "a tremendous

Smith, who starred for the Dallas Cowboys for 13 seasons and spent the past two with Arizona, made the announcement at the site of the Super Bowl - a fitting

spot for a three-time champion. "I've given everything I can possible to the game, on and off the field." Smith said

Wearing a pinstripe suit blue, of course - Smith thanked dozens of people from Pee Wee football to the Cardinals and every stop in between. He broke down several times and tears streamed down his face as he clutched his wife's hand.

"The memories that I have, the relationships that I'm taking away from the game, are some thing dear and something I will take with me for the rest of my life," he said. "I'm moving on to another chapter in my life and

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that's a chapter I'm looking forward to.

Smith said he planned to pursue some business opportunities but vowed to stay close to the game and give something back to the fans

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, one of the many people Smith thanked, gave the best reason for the long list of salutations.

"When you've established yourself as royalty, then you have to mention everybody," Jones said.

"That's the price you pay." The 35-year-old Smith ran for yards and 164 touch-both NFL records. He downs rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns for the Cardinals this

Smith said the Cardinals had decided not to re-sign him for next year



Emmitt Smith said Arizona's decision not to re-sign him for next season "made my decision a whole lot easier."

"That made my decision a whole lot easier," he said, adding that he turned down offers to continue his career elsewhere. "I

have a home. It's with my family." Smith was more consistent than spectacular, a running back who could be relied on to get tough yards

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more every year between 1991 and 2001. He led the NFL in rushing in 1991, 1992 and 1995, and in the first two games in a contract touchdowns in three seasons.

tics, he won just two major awards in 15 seasons - NFL MVP in 1993 and the Super Bowl MVP that same season, when he rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 30-13 victory over Buffalo in At-

dispute with Jones. Smith fin-Despite his impressive statisished the year with perhaps his greatest game, an overtime victo ry over the New York Giants at the Meadowlands. The Cowbovs and Giants were 11-4. The winner got the NFC East title, home-field advantage in the playoffs and a first-round bye. The loser got a wild-card game the following

> Smith separated his shoulder in the third quarter but returned to the game. He carried the ball on nine of the Cowboys' 11 plays in the extra period — at one point raising his aching shoulder to stiff-arm Lawrence Taylor on his final run, which set up Eddie Mur

He won those despite missing

ray's game-winning field goal. He finished with 229 total yards and a touchdown on 32 carries, along with 10 receptions -the heaviest workload in team his tory. Then he spent the night in a

hospital Had the Cowboys lost that game, Smith probably wouldn't have been able to play the following week in a wild-card game That would have made the road much more difficult in what turned out to be the Cowboys' second of three Super Bowl victories in four seasons.

"Emmitt has never forgot he was part of a team and what the team meant," Jones said. "You're place in our franchise has always been secure."



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All-Pro defensive lineman Richard Seymour completed his first full practice in nearly six weeks the nast two seasons. He had five Wednesday and should play for New England in the Super Bowl against Philadelphia

"He did everything we asked him to do, so he's good to go, coach Bill Belichick said. Seymour, an All-Pro the past

JACKSONVILLE Fla

two years and a Pro Bowler in three of his four years in the NFL, injured his left knee Dec. 26 against the New York Jets and missed the past three games, two in the postseason. Jarvis Green started in Seymour's absence, recording 15 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble

Seymour has been one of the big playmakers for New England

sacks and a forced fumble this year, and returned a Drew Bledsoe fumble 68 yards for a touchdown against Buffalo. A co-captain on defense, Sey-

moure plays both ends in the 3-4 defense and tackle in pass-rush-

In some respects, he is the defensive equivalent of Terrell Owens, the Philadelphia wide receiver who said Tuesday he will play after being out since Dec. 19 with an ankle injury

Garrett hired as **Dolphins QB coach**

DAVIE, Fla. - The Miami Dol-

terbacks coach Wednesday.

Garrett played with three NFL teams over a 12-year career that culminated in a six-game stint with the Dolphins in 2004. Best known for being Troy Aikman's backup in Dallas during the 1990s, Garrett threw his last NFL pass in 1999.

In parts of 40 career games, Garrett completed 165 of 294 passes for 2,042 yards with 11 touchdowns and five intercep-

Titans express interest in USC coordinator Chow

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennes-see coach Jeff Fisher wants to talk with Southern California offensive coordinator Norm Chow about the Titans' coordinator job.

Fisher, a USC alumnus, is look-

Pats' Seymour practices, should play Sunday ing for an offensive coordinator after losing Mike Heimerdinger

to the New York Jets last month. He has interviewed Titans assistant head coach George Henshaw and quarterbacks coach Craig Johnson.

Fisher had held off talking with college coaches until national signing day passed on Wednesday.

Fisher said on radio Thursday morning that he's trying to talk with Chow. A Titans spokesman said Chow is one of many coaches in whom Fisher is interested.

Chow, 58, has helped groom Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart into Heisman Trophy winners at two-time defending national champion USC. Chow spent 27 years at Brigham Young working with quarterbacks such as Heis-man Trophy winner Ty Detmer, Steve Young and Jim McMahon

- a former teammate of Fisher's.

Bettman, Goodenow are returning to talks

NHL commissioner, union chief invited back after latest rejected plan

BY IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gary Bettman and Bob Goodenow are returning to the bargaining table. Optimism is still absent from negotiations aimed at ending the NHL lockout.

The commissioner and union chief will attend Thursday's negociating session in New York, one day after the players' association rejected the league's latest salary-cap proposal.

Nearly five months into the lockout, the NHL says there is no other solution. And now time is about to rum out.

"We're at the end time-wise in terms of being able to continue this process and still play games this season, so there's not a lot of room flexibility-wise," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said.

The union needed only a few hours in Newark, N.J., on Wednesday to turn down the proposal that would place minimums and maximums on what the 30 clubs can spend on player costs. That didn't quite put an end to the hope for hockey, but it sure pushed that prospect to the forefront.

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"I don't want to mislead anyone
and suggest I'm optimistic," players' association senior director
Ted Saskin said. "There is nothing over the last few years in the
way they've approached things
that would lead me to have any

sense of optimism."

But the union immediately invited the league back to the table, and wanted commissioner Bettman and Goodenow to join the discussions for the first time since Dec. 14. There were five less-formal negotiating sessions without the two leaders the past two weeks

"We've gone as far as we can go in our small-group setting and we think it's important to have Bob and Gary join us," NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin said.

But what does it all mean? The NHL is committed to getting cost certainty, and the players' associa-

tion vows to never accept a salary cap. If there is no settlement soon, who knows how long the stalemate will last. "There's no particular sense of

optimism here," Daly said.
"The framework is still something that they have continuously

thing that they have continuously suggested that they are not willing to accept."

So it makes sense to get Bett-

man and Goodenow involved as the days dwindle. There can't be a deal without them signing off on it, so keeping the leaders away no longer serves a real purpose.

"I think we have created a more open dialogue and I would expect that that will continue with them in the room," Daly

It is unclear what will happen Thursday when Bettman and Daly join Goodenow and Saskin, with a lawyer on each side. The way things have gone, there might not be time for the parties to reach an agreement to save the 2005-06 season.

"There isn't much in this offer that's attractive to us or that we consider fair or necessary for the sport," Saskin said. The lockout reached its 140th

day Wednesday, and has forced the cancellation of 762 of the 1,230 regular-season games, plus the All-Star Game. The NHL is in danger of becoming the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

The NHL proposed a six-year deal that contained a cap that would force teams to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million — including benefits.

It won't be presented to the

It won't be presented to the players for a full vote, since Saskin said the offer is nowhere near what the association is looking for.

Rettman has said that teams

beturnan has said tinat learns lost more than \$1.8 billion over 10 years and that management will not agree to a deal without a defined relationship between revenue and salaries.



Sammy Sos

Baltimore suits Sosa already

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — He signed au-

tographs, praised manager Lee Mazzilli and took great care in avoiding use of the word "I" when discussing his goals for this year. Still smarting from the back-lash of his final days with the Chicago Cubs, Sammy Sosa was determined to make a good first impression with the Baltimore Ori-close on Wednesday. He really didn't have to try so bard, before the control of the control o

The trade that sent Sosa from the Cubs became official after Commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical. Chicago received second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers.

Sosa, 36, has 574 home runs, seventh on the career list, and will almost certainly join the exclusive 600-homer club this season. He insisted that reaching the milestone is secondary to becoming an integral part of his new club.

club.

"The 600 is going to come.
What's important to me is to have a great relationship with my manager and the whole team," he said. "I'm not thinking about 600. I'm thinking about being comfort-

able, relaxed and to be loved again."

solve was once revered in Chica-but the relationship between him and the faus began to deterior rate two years ago when he was caught using a corked bat. Last season was worse — Soss complained about being dropped to sixth in the batting order by manager Dusty Baker and walked out on the team before the conclusion

of the final game.

The Cubs didn't want to go through more of the same this year, so they literally paid the Orioles to take him off their hands.

"I feel sad that it had to end the way that it did," Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry said. "Obviously, he made some mistakes late in the year. But he really deserves a better fate than has been cast upon him the last couple of

Chicago made an immediate move to shore up its lineup, agreeing to a one-year contract with Jeromy Burnitz that guarantees the outfielder \$5 million.

World Series ball arrives at Fenway

The Associated Pres.

BOSTON — The ball used for the final out of Boston's first World Series title in 86 years got star treatment when it was brought to Fenway Park on Thursday.

With a nearby meter maid ticketing cars but few fans, if any, looking on, two armored guards carried the ball in a black canvas bag down a red carpet that had been laid out along Yawkey Way — and brought it inside the ballnark.

The ball has been the subject of a tussle between the team and its former first baseman, Doug Mientkiewicz, who caught the final out and kept it. While ownership hasn't been resolved, he agreed last week to loan the ball to the Red Sox for at least one year. "I want the fans to see it, and

that's what both the Red Sox and I agreed on," Mientkiewicz said last week after he was traded to the New York Mets.

"They waited a long time to see that ball and to live it. The fact that I had it was just so we could keep it and give it to the fans and let them see it."

Rhythm keeping coach; part-owner out as CEO NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ashley

McElhiney is remaining as coach of the Nashville Rhythm, after the ABA team said Thursday that one of its part-owners didn't have the authority to fire her. "We understand any disappoint-

we indestant any unsappoint ment and anger our fans felt from the incident," general manager Daniel Bucher said in a statement.

"But we now ask them to please put this in context with the whole season and show their support for our coach and the team. The Rhythm needs our fans to help us finish the season successfully."

Sports briefs

McElhiney is the first female to coach a men's professional team.

coach a men's proressional team.
Sally Anthony, one of the
team's three owners, attemptedto
fire McElhiney on Saturday night
during the third quarter of the
Rhythm's 110-109 victory over
Kansas City after the coach ignored Anthony's demands to
bench a player. Security guards

escorted Anthony off the court.

Bucher also announced Thursday that Tony Bucher, his brother and Anthony's husband, is replacing Anthony as the Rhythm's

chief executive officer

German soccer federation: four matches fixed

BERLIN — Four German league games were fixed and at least 10 players were involved in a betting scam that has rocked the country as it prepares for the 2006 World Cup, soccer authorities said Thursday.

Robert Hoyzer, the referee at the heart of the widening scandal, implicated three other referees, the German soccer federation

The federation said Hoyzer officiated four rigged games: two regional games, a second-division game and a German Cup game between first-division Hamburger SV and third-division Paderborn.

International soccer's governing body has told Germany to resolve this case quickly, with the sport's showcase event a little more than 16 months away. For the first time, federation officials were able to examine files of the police investigation.

Berlin prosecutors have said four referees and 14 players were among 25 people suspected of fixing at least 10 games. On Thursday, authorities identified Romania's Laurentiu-Aurelian Reghecamps as one of the players. He started the season with Energie Cottbus and moved midseason to Alemannia Aachen, another second-division club.

Police raided the homes of 19 people Wednesday and seized bank accounts and property worth about \$3.17 million. There were no arrests.

Hoyzer has admitted taking money from a Croatian-controlled betting ring to rig at least four games. He also accused referees Juergen Jansen and Dominik Marks of rigging two games each, the federation said. He also implicated a third referee, Felix Zwayer.

Jansen, whose home was searched, was in charge of the only Bundesliga game believed to be involved. Jansen, who has refered 147 Bundesliga games, told the Passauer Neue Presse newspaper. "I didn't do what I'm accused of. Let me fall over dead if that's not true."

The federation defended its decision to suspend the three referees, saying they are under suspicion in the police investigation and had been implicated by Hoyz-

Et. devarion co-president Theo Zwanziger said the number of players who admitted involvement in the fixing was growing. The federation has been accused of ignoring warnings from book-makers several months ago. Zwanziger insisted his group is 'mot in the position to delive deep

BYU's Miles reprimanded for kicking Utah player

into criminal activities.'

PROVO, Utah — BYU forward Chris Miles was reprimanded Thursday by the Mountain West Conference for kicking a Utah player during a game between the rivals. "This type of behavior is unacceptable for a student-athlete in the Mountain West Conference," commissioner Craig Thompson said in a statement. "All constituents of the MWC are expected to understand and adhere to the appropriate standards of conduct."

With 5:32 left in Monday night's game, Utah's Andrew Bogut went in for a two-handed dunk and hung on the rim. He came down and landed on Miles, who kicked at Bogut while both were on the floor.

"I went to dunk it and hung on the rim long enough I think," Bogut said after the game. "When I went down, he was still there and I fell on him. I just tried to stay cool." Miles was called for a techni-

cal, and BYU's Mike Hall and Utah's Bryant Markson were also given technicals after exchanging words.

Davenport opens with victory in Pan Pacific Open TOKYO — Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport began her title de-

say Davenport began her title defense in the Pan Pacific Open on Thursday, beating Japan's Saori Obata 6-4, 6-2 in a second-round match.

Davenport, seeking her fifth

Pan Pacific title, was playing her first singles match since losing to Serena Williams in the Australian Open final Saturday. Russians Elena Likhovtseva

and Elena Dementieva also advanced.

The third-seeded Likhovtseva

beat American Jill Craybas 7-5, 4-6, 6-2, and the fourth-seeded Dementieva routed Japan's Akiko Morigami 6-2, 6-2.

In other second-round matches, Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic downed Japan's Aiko Nakamura 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, while eighth-seeded Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia recovered from a slow start to defeat Russis's Maria Kirilenko 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.2

Jury finds man guilty of paying for recruit

By WOODY BAIRD The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - A federal jury convicted millionaire businessman Logan Young on Wednesday of paying \$150,000 to get a top football recruit for Alabama.

The jury deliberated for 51/2 hours before returning a verdict. Young, 64, was convicted of conspiracy to commit racketeering (by breaking state bribery laws), crossing state lines to commit

racketeering and arranging bank withdrawals to cover up a crime. Young could receive prison time and a large fine. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 15 vears in prison, but federal guidelines call for a lighter sentence.

Defense attorneys used closing arguments to highlight the chief accuser's history of lying and the legal standard for "reasonable

But prosecutors said bank and phone records bolstered the testi-mony of their lead witness. former Trezevant High School head coach Lynn Lang.

testified that Young bribed him with a series of cash payments below the \$10,000 threshold for IRS reporting to get highly recruited defensive lineman Albert Means to sign with Alabama in 2000.

Lang told jurors he got money from two other colleges - Georgia and Kentucky - and offers of cash, jobs or free law school from Arkansas, Memphis, Mississippi, Michigan State and Tennessee. Former coaches Rip Scherer of



Millionaire businessman Logan Young was convicted Wednesday of paying \$150,000 to get a top football recruit for Alahama

Memphis and Jim Donnan of Georgia, and former Alabama as-

sistant Ivy Williams testified for the defense that Lang was lying. Lang has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the case and is cooperwith prosecutors as he

awaits sentencing.

Defense lawver James Neal told the jury that Lang lied about Means' recruitment to the NCAA, Memphis school officials and oth-

ers before testifying. Lead prosecutor Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Godwin introduced telephone records from June 2000 to February 2001 show-ing 49 calls between phones be-

longing to Lang and Young. He also put on testimony about a series of cash withdrawals from Young's bank accounts, some only a day apart and totaling more than \$270,000, and deposits by Lang of more than \$47,000

Means, who has not been ac-cused of wrongdoing, also testi-fied for the prosecution. He admitted that someone took his college entrance exam for him, an idea that Lang said came from Williams, and that he let his high school coach pick his college.

Means spent a year at Alabama before transferring to Memphis when reports of payoffs to Lang became public.

Southern Cal wins again

Two-time defending national champions judged to have country's top recruiting class for second straight vear

By RALPH D. RUSSO

Southern California finished recruiting with a flourish. Several blue chip prospects

who entered signing day uncom-mitted ended it headed to USC as the two-time defending national champions continued to stockpile talent Wednesday.

Rivals.com has the Trojans class rated No. 1 in the nation, just like last year

"It's been a hallmark of ours, getting great classes and nutting them together one after the other, which has allowed us to reach the level of success we have," USC coach Pete Carroll said

Unlike last year, the Trojans weren't a consensus No. 1 among the leading recruiting analysts -

but they were close.

Max Emfinger ranked USC second behind Oklahoma. Allen Wallace of SuperPrep and Scout.com put USC No. 3, with Tennessee first and Michigan second. The Trojans were third behind Nebraska and Tennessee, according to Tom Lemming of ESPN.com and College Sports Television.

USC landed two of the nation's hest linebackers (Brian Cushing from New Jersey and Luthur Brown from California) and two of the top defensive linemen (Walker Ashley from Minnesota and Kyle Moore from Georgia) on Wednesday. All four were uncommitted when the day started.

"It looked like it might not have been their year, but it turned on a dime." Bobby Burton of Rivals.com said of the Trojans. "To have back-to-back No. 1-ranked recruiting classes is unheard of.

Quarterback Mark Sanchez and linebacker Rey Maualuga from California and wide receiver Patrick Turner from Tennes-

ians' class.

Sanchez will have to sit behind Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, who decided to return for his senior season despite having the chance to be the No. 1 pick in the upcoming NFL Draft.

see highlight the Tro-

Carroll's reputation for playing freshmen keeps the Trojans' already loaded roster from scaring away the best high school players.

"We had players of the year from four states and others who are coming to do something special," Carroll said. "They're not concerned about denth charts, just about opportunity.

Oklahoma's 55-19 loss to USC in the Orange Bowl last month didn't hurt the Sooners in recruiting. The Sooners' two prized recruits were on the defensive side.

Tackle DeMarcus Granger from Texas and linebacker Ryan Reynolds from Nevada were considered among the best defensive players in the country.

This class met our needs, and I am especially happy about the quantity and quality of the linemen on both sides of the ball Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. We needed to do well there, and

Like USC, Florida State closed strong and joined perennial powers Michigan, Georgia and Miami with highly rated classes. But also Texas on several players and came away with the school's best

recruiting class in years. 'We want to be able to recruit the best in the nation," Fran-chione said. "We want to continue to enhance our image nationally.'

The Vols haven't had a class regarded this highly since 2000, when coach Phillip Fulmer brought in a group that included linebacker Kevin Burnett, offen sive linemen Jason Respert and Michael Munoz, tight end Jason Witten and quarterback Casey

Rating the recruiting classes

The top 10 recruiting classes as rated by four of the top recruiting analysts: Tom Lemming ESPN.com/Col-lege Sports TV Rivals.com Max Emfinger Allen Wallace 1. Oklahoma 2. Southern Cal 1. Southern Cal 2. Oklahoma 2. Okianoma 3. Tennessee 4. Florida State 5. Nebraska 6. Michigan Nebraska
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cracking the top 10s were Nebraska and Texas A&M. two schools trying to return to the nation's

Nebraska coach Bill Callahan did particularly well recruiting the junior colleges. It's a class that might have an immediate imnact on the Cornhuskers, who were 5-6 last season.

"A year from now, everyone will be talking about this Nebraska class as their greatest in the last 25 years," Lemming said.

Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione, heading into his third season with the Aggies, went head-to-head with Oklahoma and

"They're back to familiar ground." Wallace said. The Volunteers signed 27 play-

ers on the first and busiest day of the national signing period, and went into the Midwest and all over the South for top prospects.

'You have to do that at Tennes see, where you don't have that homegrown talent." Burton said. Coming off a 10-3 season, the Vols signed defensive end Raymond Henderson from Wisconsin, linebacker Andre Mathis from Pennsylvania, defensive back Adam Myers-White from Ohio, and linebacker Rico McCoy from Washington, D.C. All were

rated among the best players at their positions national

> recruit, cornerback Demetrice Morley, is from Miami.

"The University of Tennessee is a great product to sell with the traditions, facilities and academic support," Ful-mer said. "If we can get them to campus, then we've got a chance to sign them."



Rvan Perrilloux, a quarterback from Reserve. La., considered by analysts to be a consensus top-20 player, signed with LSU. He had orally committed to Tayee

Hedges testifies she fired Heuheisel over dishonesty

By TIM KOPTE The Associated Press KENT Wash - Barbara Hedge

es liked Rick Neuheisel as a person as much as she respected him as a football coach. So as Washington's athletic director, she took no delight in fir-

ing him, she testified Wednesday in his lawsuit against the university and the NCAA. "Rick and I were friends." Hedges said during her third day

of testimony in King County Superior Court. "It's very difficult to say something like that to a friend, who happens to be an employee. Ouestioned by university lawyer Lou Peterson, Hedges de-

scribed "an extremely difficult meeting" with Neuheisel on June 5, 2003, one day after the Hus-kies' coach was asked by NCAA investigators about his gambling on NCAA basketball. 'We talked about his options:

termination or resigning," Hedges recalled. "At that meeting, it was very clear to me — and to Rick Neuheisel — that he would no longer be the head coach at Washington.'

Neuheisel contends he was unfairly fired as Washington's coach and that the NCAA pressured the school to dismiss him.

Peterson offered Hedges' testimony to indicate to jurors that the decision to fire Neuheisel was made June 5 and not after several days of pressure from NCAA officials, as Neuheisel alleges.

Hedges testified that the main reason for the firing was dishonesty, not gambling.

Hedges, who retired in January 2004, said she and former university president Lee Huntsman knew they had to fire Neuheisel after he initially told NCAA investigators on June 4, 2003, he never bet on college basketball.

Later that day, Neuheisel recanted, admitting he had participated in auction-style NCAA baskethall pools with neighbors. When she fired him June 11.

Hedges said Neuheisel had also lied about interviewing for the San Francisco 49ers' head coaching job in February 2003, and that she and Huntsman had warned him that further lies wouldn't be tolerated

Where the top prospects went

The top 10 high school players as rated by four of the top recruiting analysts (school of choice in parentheses):

Rivals.com

1. Derrick Williams, Athlete, 6-foot-1, 187 pounds, Roosevelt, Md.

Penn State)

2. Patrics Turner, WB, 6-5, 220, Nasshville, Tenn. (USC)

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5. Rey Mauslaug, BE, 6-1, 255, Europe, Call (USC)

6. Markellus Bennett, BE, 6-1, 275, L15, Mession Viely, Call (USC)

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Pats' subs emerge

Vet Harrison provides DBs a safety net

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ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — The New England Patriots ended last

year's Super Bowl with two subs in the secondary. This year, they're starting the

game that way.

The Patriots will face the Phila-

delphia Eagles with a patchwork defensive backfield that features a converted receiver, an undrafted free agent and a guy who was out of football most of the year. "We've got a lot of talented

guys on our defense that are really versatile," linebacker Willie McGinest said. "I think that's what makes us so special."

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It goes beyond the secondary. Most of the linebackers played on the defensive line in college.

"If you're backing up a guy, you've got to definitely be ready to step in at any time." McGinest aid. "First string, second string — whatever — everybody gets reps, everybody prepares hard, everybody understands the game plan because we've been in situations in the last few years where you have two guys go down and other guys step in and play really well."

The Patriots won their second NFL title in three years last season, holding off the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl despite losing both safeties during the game — Rodney Harrison to a broken arm and Eugene Wilson to a groin injury.

This year, the problem is with the cornerbacks. Tyrone Poole was injured in Week 3, and Ty Law, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, went out four games later.

The Patriots have since subbed and shuffled and managed to finish 14-2 for the second consecutive season. In the playoffs, they shut down NFL MVP Peyton Manning and rookie of the year Ben Roethlisberger in back-to-back weeks.

Harrison and Wilson have settled in at safety, with rookie Randall Gay and Asante Samuel at the corners, backed up by wide receiver Troy Brown and Hank Poteat, a former Steelers special teamer who had gone back to get his college degree when the Patriots signed him last month.

The defensive line features end Richard Seymour, an All-Pro who missed the last three games with a leg injury. McGinest plays linebacker with Ted Johnson, Mike Vrabel and Tedy Bruschi, who



New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison returns an interception 87 yards for a touchdown in AFC Championship game. Harrison "is the glue of our secondary," said rookie cornerback Randall Gay.

was added to the Pro Bowl this week.

"Guys like that, most teams would die to have," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "No one really talks about them."

Instead, most of the attention has been paid to the secondary

and its struggles to make it from week to week. The one constant has been Harrison.

"Rodney is the glue of our secondary," said Gay, who went from an undrafted free agent to starter because of the injuries. "He has more experience than all of us together." Harrison passed that on to his teammates.

"Right after Ty got hurt, he came to me and told me that I was the starter and that he expected me to play like a starter. ... He would always tell me, 'If you want

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